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THE **MAN** WITH THE
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ON MARS**
**WINGS JOHNSON
OF THE AIR PATROL**
**THE
WESTPINTER**

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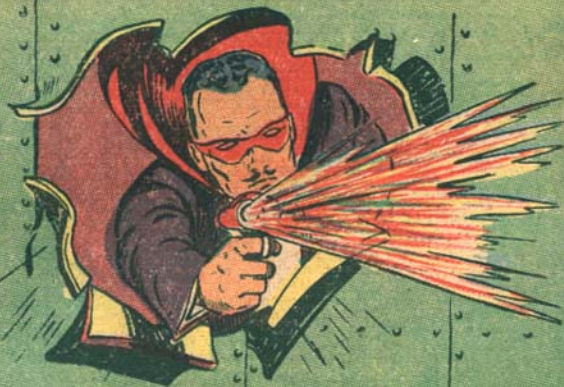
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HE SOLVES ALL PLOTS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT,
BUT THE PLOTTERS CANNOT SOLVE HIS PLOT AGAINST THEM!

WIZARD

THE MAN WITH THE SUPER-BRAIN



THE WIZARD HAS BEEN OF INCALCULABLE AID TO THE U.S. FOR WITH HIS SUPER-BRAIN AND PHOTOGRAPHIC MIND HE IS ABLE TO VISUALIZE FAR AWAY HAPPENINGS. WITH THESE MENTAL POWERS, AND HIS SUPER STRENGTH, HE FERRETS OUT PLOTS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

BUT NOW HE IS CALLED UPON TO FRUSTRATE THE MOST GIGANTIC SCHEME AGAINST OUR DEMOCRACY THAT HISTORY HAS EVER KNOWN.

THE SITUATION IS SO FRAUGHT WITH PERIL THAT EVEN THE WIZARD SEEMS HELPLESS TO STEM THE TIDE OF DESTRUCTION.

WHAT WILL THE OUTCOME BE?

IN THE HOME OF BLANE WHITNEY, MILLIONAIRE PLAY BOY

I'M SORRY BLANE BUT THIS MUST BE GOOD-BYE. I'VE MET THE ONLY MAN I COULD EVER CARE FOR.

BUT, BUT JEAN!

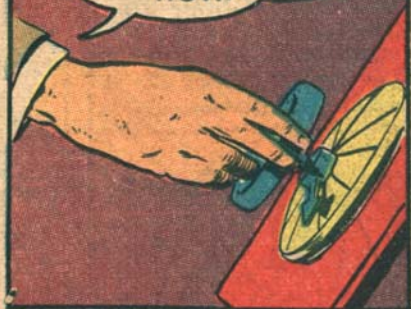


THAT'S IRONY, ALL RIGHT. SHE'S IN LOVE WITH ME, AND DOESN'T KNOW IT.

THERE'S THE SIGNAL GROVER MUST WANT TO TALK TO ME!



WONDER WHAT'S UP NOW!



AS THE WIZARD LIFTS THE PHONE!



THE WIZARD'S SUPER-STRENGTH SAVES HIM FROM INSTANT EXTERMINATION!

I'M WEAK AS A KITTEN, IF...IF I CAN ONLY GET TO MY SUPER-CALORIC CAPSULE!



THE WIZARD BARELY MANAGES TO DRAG HIMSELF TO THE DESK WHERE HIS STRENGTH REVIVING CAPSULES ARE KEPT.

AH! HERE THEY ARE



THE WIZARD'S SUPER BRAIN CONJURES UP A VISION



HA! HA! IT VONT BE LONG BEFORE VE SHALL LOCATE THE OGGSPLOSION, UND DENN VE KNOW WHO DE VIZARD IS, AND VERE VE CAN FIND HIM!



IN ANOTHER ROOM, SOME WHERE IN THE CITY, AN UNUSUAL DUTY IS BEING PERFORMED!

HA! I HAVE LOCATED THE OGGSPLOSION. DE VIZARD MUST LIVE AT MAPLE AND WALNUT STREET.



HE VILL NEFFER LIFF TO KNOW THAT THE OGGSPLOSION WAS WIRED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE NAVAL INTELLIGENCE!

IN THE HOUSE THE WIZARD HAS SEEN WITH HIS SUPER BRAIN!

YOU HAFF LOCATED IT! GOOD, DESTROY THE HOUSE COMPLETELY. VE MUST MAKE SURE HE DOES NOT ESCAPE!



THE WIZARD CONTRIVES AN INGENUOUS PLAN!

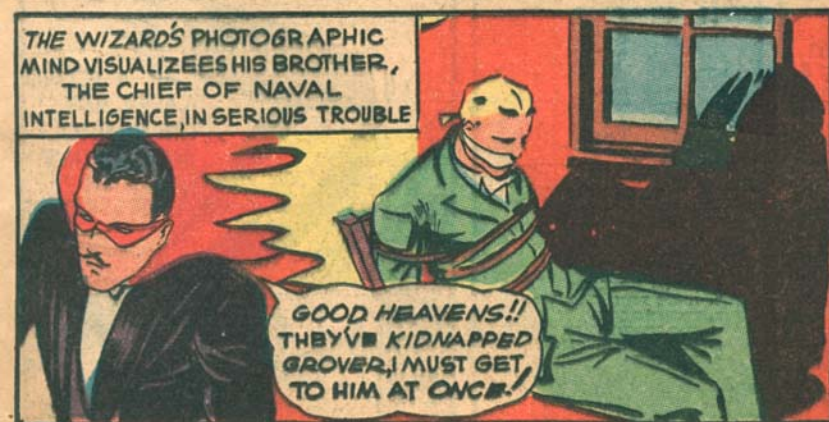
SO! THEY'RE COMING TO CLEAN UP THE HOUSE ON MAPLE AND WALNUT STREETS WELL! I CAN'T CHANGE THE STREETS!



WITH AN INCREDIBLE DISPLAY OF STRENGTH THE WIZARD LIFTS HIS HOUSE



BUT I CAN CHANGE THE HOUSES!



THE WIZARD IS DEAD. NOW VE DEMOLISH ALL THE STRATEGIC MILITARY CENTERS OF YOUR COUNTRY!



YOU'RE LYING! NOTHING CAN DESTROY THE WIZARD!

THE WIZARD CONTACTS GROVER THROUGH HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC PROJECTION MIND!

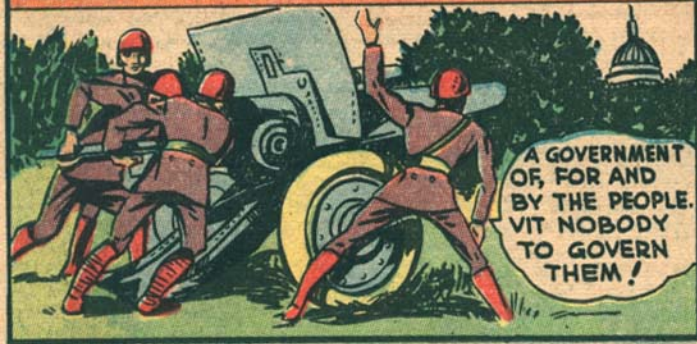


NEVER MIND RESCUING ME, THERE ARE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO FIRST!

IN WASHINGTON, BELOW THE WIZARD'S PLANE, CONGRESS IS IN SESSION.



WHILE OUTSIDE, THE MOSCONIANS PREPARE TO DESTROY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT!



A GOVERNMENT OF, FOR AND BY THE PEOPLE. VIT NOBODY TO GOVERN THEM!

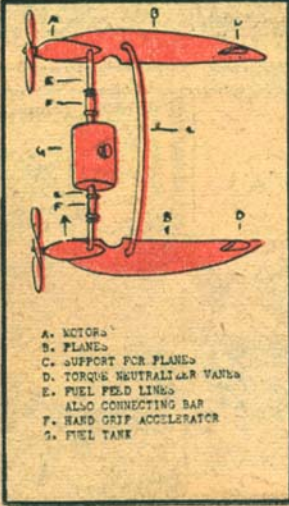


THIS IS WHERE I GET OFF!

THE WIZARD BAILS OUT AND SAILS TO EARTH IN HIS AIROCHUTE!



I HOPE I'M IN TIME!



THE WIZARD STOPS THE SHELL IN FLIGHT!



A SECOND LATER AND THE CAPITOL WOULD HAVE BEEN DESTROYED!

AND FLINGS THE SHELL BACK AT THE CANNONEERS!



HERE'S A TASTE OF YOUR OWN MEDICINE-HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?

THE WIZARD SETS HIS SUPER BRAIN TO WORK!

WE HAVV MEN STATIONED AT VEST POINT UND ANNAPOLIS. SO SOON WE DEMOLISH DESE PLACES AND LEAVE THE U.S. ARMY UND NAVY WIDOUT SUFFICIENT OFFICERS, OUR MOSCONIAN GOVERNMENT WILL INVADE THE U.S.!



THIS IS EVEN MORE SERIOUS THAN I THOUGHT!

IN THE F.B.I. OFFICE!



I MUST HAVE THE COMPLETE COOPERATION OF YOUR ENTIRE FORCE!

I'LL PUT MY BEST MAN ON THE CASE!



THIS IS THE SHIELD!

AND YOU'RE THE WIZARD!

I HAVE LOOKED FORWARD TO THIS MEETING!



YOU MUST PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO ANNAPOLIS AND WEST POINT. I'LL HANDLE THE SITUATION HERE

THE WIZARD SWINGS INTO IMMEDIATE ACTION. HE REVERSES HIS AIROCHUTE!



I'VE GOT MY PLANE PARKED RIGHT ABOVE!

THAT'S A NEW ONE ON ME TOO, CHIEF!

WHAT THE....

THE WIZARD CONVERTS HIS NEUTRO-PLANE TO A ROCKET SHIP!



I CAN MAKE BETTER TIME FLYING THROUGH THE STRATOSPHERE!

THE WIZARD ARRIVES AT ANNAPOLIS,
AND HOVERS OVER THE POTOMAC.....



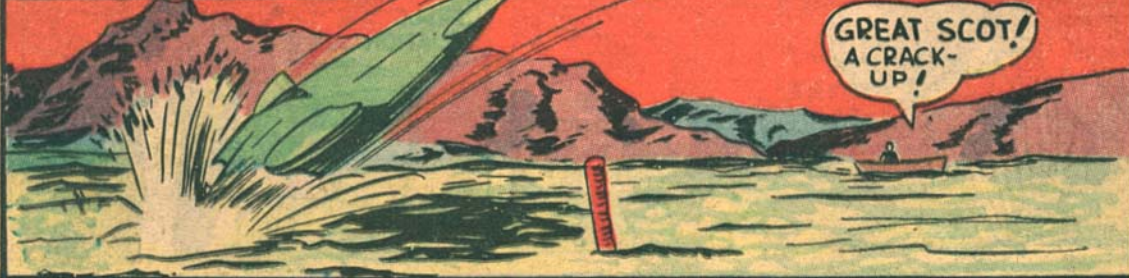
ON THE BOAT BELOW....



THE WIZARD PROJECTS HIS MIND TO THE
RIVER FLOOR!



A MIDSHIPMAN WHO SEES THE HAPPENINGS DOES NOT KNOW THAT THE PLANE IS BEING
CONVERTED TO A SUBMARINE!

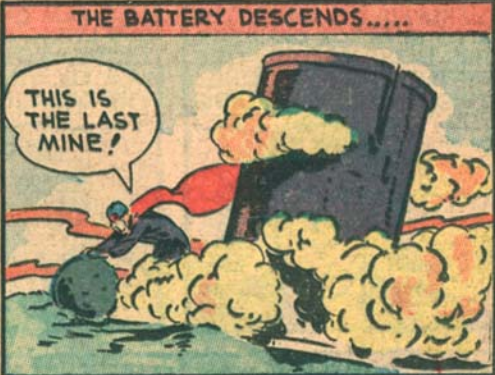




THE DIVERS ARE HOISTED TO SAFETY!

IT IS DE VIZARD!

LOWER THE BATTERIES!
VE FIX THIS VIZARD!



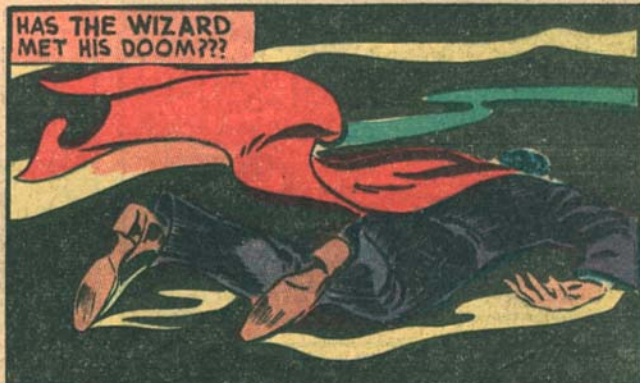
THE BATTERY DESCENDS.....

THIS IS THE LAST MINE!



THE BATTERY CHEMICALIZES THE SALT WATER!

CHLORINE!!
I...I... CAN'T BREATHE!!
I.....



HAS THE WIZARD MET HIS DOOM???



THE MOSCONIAN SHIP FLEES AT THE SIGHT OF THE NAVAL BOAT!

SOMETHING FISHY GOING ON HERE!



THE MIDSHIPMAN COMES TO THE WIZARD'S AID!

IT'S A MAN!!
GUESS HE HAD AN OVERDOSE OF THE CHLORINE I'M TASTING!



RIGHT HERE, MISTER. I THOUGHT I'D HAVE TO DRAG YOU OUT!

YOU ALMOST DID!



THE WIZARD SOON REVIVES!

I'M LEE SAMPSON OF THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY!
WHAT HAPPENED?

YOU'VE JUST BEEN VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN FRUSTRATING A DIABOLIC PLOT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT!

I'LL REPORT THIS IMMEDIATELY TO MY SUPERIOR OFFICERS. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME YOU'VE TRIED TO MINE THIS RIVER. WHO ARE YOU?



WHO I AM ONLY ONE LIVING PERSON KNOWS—HOWEVER, I AM KNOWN AS THE WIZARD!



THE WIZARD! SAY! I THOUGHT THOSE STORIES ABOUT YOU WERE MYTHS!



I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU. I CAN SEE I AM, LEAVING THE SITUATION IN CAPABLE HANDS!



THE WIZARD RETURNS TO HIS SHIP!



WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

TO WEST POINT!



GOOD LUCK WIZARD!

A SPECIAL REVIEW IS HELD ON THE WEST POINT PARADE GROUNDS. THE HIGHEST GOVERNMENT AND ARMY OFFICIALS ARE PRESENT TO WATCH THE GRADUATION DRESS PARADE!



IT'S TOO BAD THE PRESIDENT COULDN'T ATTEND!

HE IS WELL REPRESENTED. THE ENTIRE CABINET IS HERE, AS WELL AS EVERY HIGH RANKING OFFICER OF THE ENTIRE ARMY!

ON A MOUNTAIN TOP, SOME DISTANCE AWAY!



OUR INFORMATION WAS CORRECT. THEY ARE ALL HERE!

GOOT! I GIVE THE SIGNAL NOW!

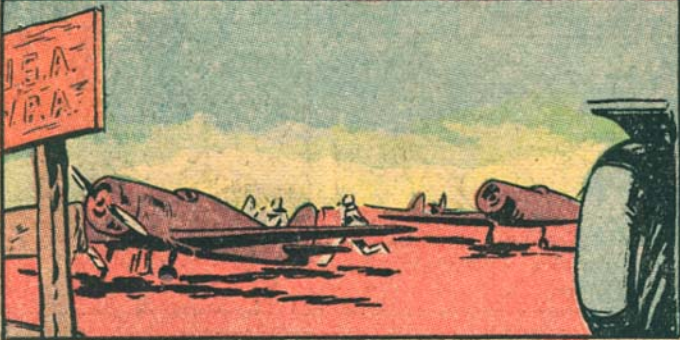
IN A CAMP WHICH IS THOUGHT TO BE A W.P.A. PROJECT!



LOOK! THE SIGNAL!

USA
W.P.A.

THE TARPULINS ARE REMOVED FROM THE TRUCKS, AND A FLEET OF BOMBERS IS DISCLOSED!



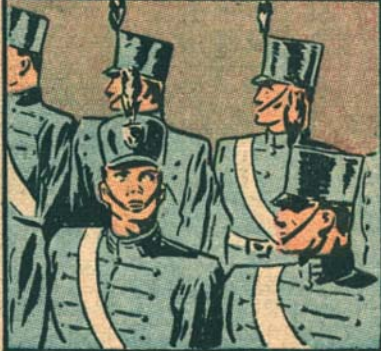
THE BOMBERS TAKE OFF ON THEIR MISSION OF DESTRUCTION!



THE LEADER OF THE BOMBING FLEET GIVES INSTRUCTIONS!



CADET KEITH KORNELL DISOBEYS EYES RIGHT ORDER, AND LOOKS UP—HE SIGHTS THE BOMBERS!



CADET KORNELL COMMITS AN UNPARDONABLE BREAK OF DISCIPLINE!



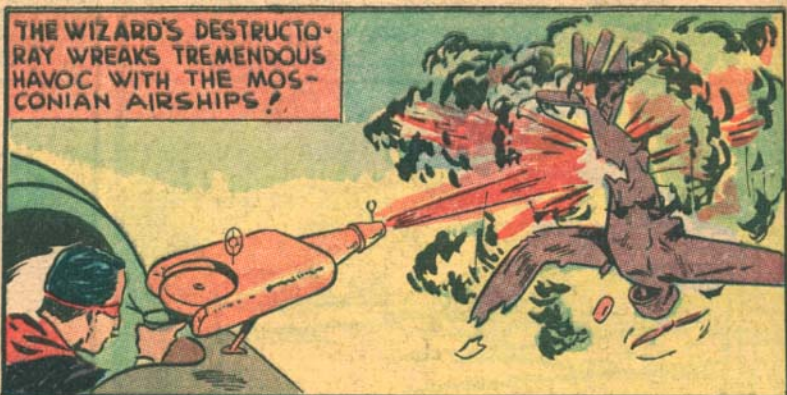
BUT SUDDENLY THE WIZARD'S PLANE APPEARS AND PUTS THE MOSCONIAN AIR FLEET TO ROUT.



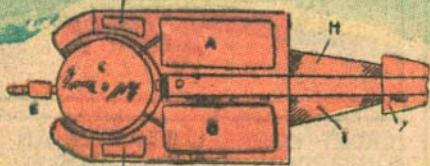
AND NOW I'LL GIVE THEM A TASTE OF MY NEW DESTRUCTO-RAY!



THE WIZARD'S DESTRUCTO-RAY WREAKS TREMENDOUS HAVOC WITH THE MOSCONIAN AIRSHIPS!



THE DESTRUCTO-RAY



- A. STORAGE BATTERY
- B. NEUTRON-VARIO RAY BATTERY
- C. WHIRLING CONJUGER DISK
- D. BARREL
- E. TRIGGER AND HANDLE
- F. GAS TANK
- G. ENGINE
- H. AIR INJECTOR
- I. MONOXIDE INJECTOR
- J. NOZZLE POINT

THE WIZARD LANDS, AND RECEIVES THE GENERAL'S THANKS—

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS GRATEFUL TO YOU!

I ONLY DID MY DUTY!



THE GENERAL INTRODUCES THE WIZARD TO CADET KORNELL!

AND IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR CADET KORNELL, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH MORE DAMAGE!

THANK YOU, SIR!



THE WIZARD FLASHES HIS SUPER-BRAIN INTO ACTION!

VUN LAST CHANCE, WHO IS THE WIZARD?

I'LL NEVER TELL!

THEY'RE GOING TO KILL GROVER!



IN THE HOUSE WHERE GROVER IS HELD CAPTIVE!

SLOW POISONING... WILL NOT CHANGE MY MIND.... GOODBYE.... WIZARD!



THE WIZARD'S STRATOSPHERIC ROCKET SHIP BRINGS HIM TO GROVER'S AID IN THE NICK OF TIME!

I'M HERE GROVER!



OUT OF MY WAY,
YOU BUZZARDS!

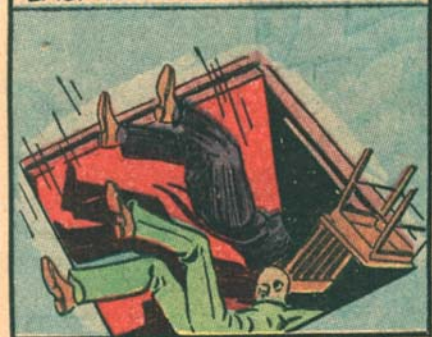


THE WIZARD STRAPS AN OXY-
HYDROUS MASK ON THE FACE
OF HIS NEARLY DEAD BROTHER!

THIS WILL
BRING YOU TO!



THE MOSCONIANS HAVE A
LAST CARD UP THEIR SLEEVE!



HOT CEMENT!
THEY'RE PLANNING
TO BURY
US ALIVE!

I GUESS THIS
IS THE END!

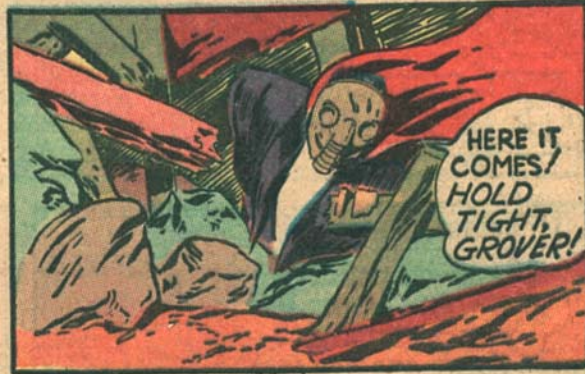


THE WIZARD WRECKS THE PILLARS!

THIS PILLAR HOLDS
UP THE HOUSE...
FALL UNDER ME
WHEN I TEAR
IT DOWN!



HERE IT
COMES!
HOLD
TIGHT,
GROVER!



THERE
THEY GO!
LET'S
FOLLOW!

LET THEM BE...THEY ARE ONLY BRAINLESS
UNDERLINGS...THEY WILL LEAD
TO THEIR MASTER—THEN I CAN
STRIKE, AND DESTROY THE BRAINS
OF THIS WHOLE
DIABOLIC
PLOT!

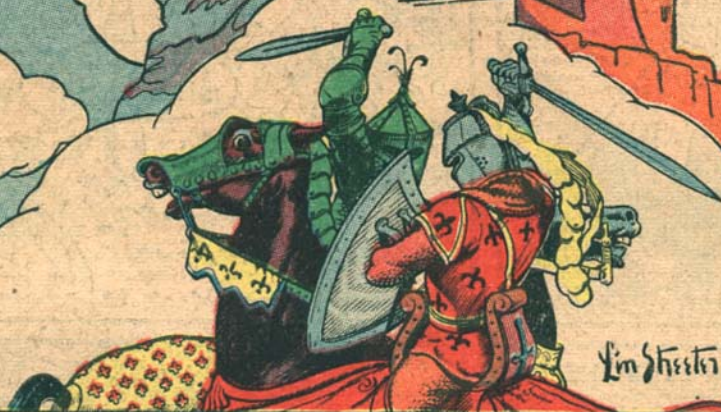


BUT DOES THE
WIZARD WIN OUT AS
EASILY AS HE EXPECTS?
—SEE THE NEXT ISSUE
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AND SEE FOR YOUR-
SELF!... AND WHAT HAP-
PENS TO THE SHIELD,
AND THE MIDSHIPMAN
WHEN THEY RUN UP
AGAINST THE MOSCON-
IANS?... THE MAY
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...ON SALE NOW, CAN
TELL YOU THAT.

GALAHAD



GALAHAD, MOST VALIANT OF KING ARTHUR'S KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE, FIGHTS FOR THE OATH HE HAS TAKEN IN THE SERVICE OF HIS KING AND HIS COUNTRY. --- COURAGE, CHIVALRY AND TRUTH ---

GALAHAD ENTERS THE CASTLE OF UTHUR. KING ARTHUR PRESIDES OVER HIS KNIGHTS.

A BOON, KING ARTHUR.

WHO ARE YOU, AND WHAT DO YOU WISH OF ME?



I AM GALAHAD. I WISH TO OFFER MY SERVICE TO MY COUNTRY AND TO MY KING. WILL YOU DUB ME A KNIGHT?

BEFORE YOU TAKE THE VOWS YOU MUST PROVE YOURSELF.

I, SIR KAY, WILL GIVE HIM BATTLE.

KING ARTHUR IS IMPRESSED WITH THE NEWCOMER'S BOLD APPEARANCE

GALAHAD AND SIR KAY PREPARE TO JOUST

I SHALL PROVE MYSELF WORTHY OF THAT HONOR.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO CONQUER SIR KAY, YOU WILL BE DUBBED A KNIGHT.

THEY MEET HEAD ON, LIKE A CLAP OF THUNDER

S.. SIR KAY HAS BEEN UNHORSED

I DUB YOU SIR GALAHAD. HENCEFORTH MUST YOU FIGHT THE UNJUST AND FOR THE POOR, CHIVALRY MUST BE YOUR CODE

I SWEAR IT, KING ARTHUR

GALAHAD IS SWORN INTO THE SERVICE OF THE ROUND TABLE

SUDDENLY A BEAUTIFUL DAMSEL ENTERS THE COURT YARD!

A BOON KING ARTHUR! GIVE ME SIR LANCELOT TO FIGHT FOR ME.

WHO ARE YOU?

I AM LADY LYNETTE. MY LANDS ARE OVERRUN BY BANDITS. ONLY LANCELOT CAN HELP ME!

I GIVE YOU SIR GALAHAD INSTEAD.

LEAD ON, FAIR LADY.

KING ARTHUR MAKES HIS OWN DECISION.

LYNETTE HIDES
HER ANGER AT
HAVING BEEN
GIVEN GALAHAD,
INSTEAD OF THE
FAMOUS LANCELOT

I DOUBT WHETHER YOU WILL
BE ABLE TO VANQUISH THEM
SINGLE-HANDED.

I SHALL
DIE TRYING,
LADY LYNETTE.



THEY SOON REACH THE FOREST
SURROUNDING LADY LYNETTE'S LANDS

WE MUST BE WARY. THE FOREST
IS FULL OF BANDITS, LED BY THE
WICKED SIR GILBERT, WHO RE-
SIDES ON THE NEIGHBORING LAND
AND WISHES TO DRIVE ME
FROM MINE.

I SHALL SOON
RIGHT THAT
INJUSTICE.



WHEN SUDDENLY, FROM THE TREES....

KILL THE
KNIGHT!

SEIZE THE GIRL! WE
MUST BRING HER TO
SIR GILBERT.



SO THIS IS YOUR
FOOL MASTER'S
WAY OF FIGHTING

SIR GALAHAD ATTACKS THE BANDITS
WITH THE FURY OF A LION, BUT
DURING THE BATTLE SOME OF THEM
MAKE OFF WITH LADY LYNETTE.

TAKE HER TO OUR
MASTER, SIR GILBERT.

HELP!!
SIR GALAHAD



THE BANDITS ARE SOON PUT TO ROUT


METHINKS I AM
WANTED ELSEWHERE

LADY LYNETTE!
SHE.. SHE'S GONE!



SIR GALAHAD GIVES CHASE TO THE
KIDNAPPERS OF LADY LYNETTE.





HA, HA, SIR GILBERT, THE KNIGHT OF THE SUN, WILL BREAK THE BOY IN TWO.

SIR GALAHAD WILL KILL SIR GILBERT FOR THIS.

THE BANDITS RUSH THEIR FAIR CAPTIVE TO THEIR MASTER.

HA, HA, NOW I SHALL HAVE BOTH YOU AND YOUR LANDS.



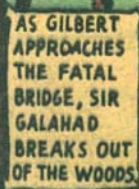
SIR GILBERT, DREAD KNIGHT OF THE SUN.

SIR GILBERT TAKES LYNETTE TO HIS OWN CASTLE.



WHEN WE CROSS THE BRIDGE WE SHALL BE IN MY DOMAIN, THEN THERE IS NO ESCAPE.

I'LL KILL MYSELF BEFORE I SUBMIT TO YOU!




AS GILBERT APPROACHES THE FATAL BRIDGE, SIR GALAHAD BREAKS OUT OF THE WOODS

HALT VILLAIN, AND GIVE BATTLE.

THE BRIDGE! IF I CAN CROSS THE BRIDGE I'M SAFE.

HELP! SIR GALAHAD.



THE KNAVE DARES NOT BATTLE FAIRLY. MAYBE I CAN HEAD HIM OFF.

SIR GALAHAD REALIZES SIR GILBERT'S PLAN TO LURE HIM INTO HIS OWN DOMAIN, AND DECIDES ON A BOLD PLAN.



GALAHAD PLUNGES HIS STEED INTO THE STREAM.



HIS STEED IS OVERBURDENED. I SHALL MEET HIM ON THE BRIDGE.

SIR GALAHAD REACHES THE FAR BANK AND OVERTAKES SIR GILBERT ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE STREAM.



SIR GALAHAD'S PLAN WORKS TO PERFECTION.

GILBERT RUSHES TOWARD GALAHAD WITH LYNETTE IN FRONT OF HIM AS A SHIELD



GALAHAD DUCKS THE LANCE AND SNATCHES LYNETTE FROM THE CLUTCH OF THE COWARDLY SIR GILBERT.



WITH LYNETTE SAFE, GALAHAD WHEELS TO RESUME THE BATTLE.



THE TWO KNIGHTS MEET WITH SUCH FORCE THAT THE BRIDGE SHATTERS...



YOU STRIKE A WICKED LANCE BUT IT SHALL AVAIL YOU NOTHING

A BLIGHT ON KING ARTHUR AND HIS KNIGHTS.



HA! AND NOW

WHAT TH-!

SUDDENLY SIR GALAHAD'S FOOT SLIPS ON A LOOSE PEBBLE.



BUT SIR GALAHAD'S BRAIN, EVEN WITH DEATH SO CLOSE, IS ON THE ALERT. HIS HAND RESTS ON A ROCK IN THE STREAM.



SIR GILBERT'S FATAL SLASH IS MET WITH THE ROCK.



SIR GILBERT'S MEN SIGHT THE BATTLE AND COME TO THE AID OF THEIR MASTER AS HE RECEIVES HIS JUST DESERTS.



SIR GALAHAD, LOOK!
SIR GILBERT'S MEN.

KILL HIM! HE
KILLED OUR MASTER.



SIR GALAHAD LIFTS THE DEAD KNIGHT AND

HEAVES MIGHTY! THE ATTACKERS FALL LIKE FLIES BEFORE THEIR DEAD MASTER!



SIR GALAHAD DELIVERS LADY LYNETTE SAFELY TO HER CASTLE AND PREPARES TO RETURN TO HIS KING.

FAREWELL,
FAIR LYNETTE.

I CRAVE YOUR PARDON FOR DOUBTING YOUR VALOR. YOU ARE THE BOLDEST OF KING ARTHUR'S KNIGHTS.

MORE AD-
VENTURES
OF
GALAHAD
BOLDEST
KNIGHT OF
THE ROUND
TABLE WILL
APPEAR IN
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SHANGHAI SHERIDAN

BY IRVING NOVICK AND JOE BLAIR

WHEN JACK SHERIDAN'S FATHER WAS KILLED BY THE INVADERS IN 1931, YOUNG JACK WAS ADOPTED BY HIS FATHER'S WISE AND WEALTHY OLD FRIEND, CHAN SING-TAN. JACK VOWED TO AVENGE HIS FATHER'S DEATH, AND SWORE NEVER TO REST UNTIL HE HAD DRIVEN THE INVADERS FROM THE LAND OF THE PEACEFUL CHINESE...

CHAN SING-TAN GIVES JACK SOME SOUND ADVICE ...

IT HAS BEEN WRITTEN: "KNOWLEDGE ALONE MAKES US MEN INSTEAD OF LIZARDS"

I AM PREPARED TO STUDY AND WORK AND HONORABLE FATHER.

THROUGH THE YEARS JACK LEARNS THE SCIENCES...

YOU ARE PROGRESSING RAPIDLY, MY BOY.

THE HINDU ART OF ESCAPE...

I HAVE TAUGHT YOU ALL THAT I KNOW!

BOXING AND JIU-JITSU...

HOW'M I DOING?

YOU CAN START TEACHING ME NOW!

ANCIENT CHINESE MAGIC AND ILLUSION ...

I CAN'T FEEL IT AT ALL!

THE ANCIENTS HAD MANY SECRETS!

JACK BECOMES FRIENDLY WITH THE CONSULS AND AMBASSADORS IN THE SETTLEMENT...

I'LL HAVE TO RUN ALONG NOW.

DROP IN SOON AGAIN, SHERIDAN.

ONE NIGHT ALONG THE AVENUE
EDWARD VII...



WHAT'S GOING
ON DOWN
THERE?

DOG OF
A
WOMAN!



YOU CAN'T
ESCAPE US
NOW!

IN A
FLASH,
JACK IS
UPON THE
THUGS, AND
SENDS THEM
SPINNING
SENSELESS
TO THE
GROUND..!

IT ISN'T
POLITE TO
MOLEST A
LADY!



AS THE THUGS FLEE, JACK HELPS THE
WOMAN TO HER FEET...



HOW CAN
I EVER
THANK YOU?

FORGET IT! I'LL
TAKE YOU TO THE HOME OF MY
HONORABLE
FATHER... THERE
YOU ARE WELCOME.

AH MEE, PLEASE
INFORM THE
MASTER OF OUR
COMING...



IS SO! MASTER
AWAITS IN AD-
JOINING ROOM..

CHAN SING-TAN
BIDS YOU
WELCOME TO HIS
HUMBLE ABODE.

I'VE BEEN
WELCOME HERE
BEFORE...

WHAT TH-



THE MIND OF
AN OLD MAN
SOMETIMES LIES
SLEEPING...

MAYBE NOW
YOU WILL
RECOGNIZE
ME!



THE WOMAN REMOVES HER HAT AND OUTER GARMENT.... AND STANDS REVEALED AS THE WIFE OF THE GENERALISSIMO, RULER OF CHINA...



CAN BE?
MUST BE?
IS!

MADAME
KANG SHY-CHECK

CHAN SING-TAN
REJOICES IN
YOUR
PRESENCE



BUT WHAT ARE YOU
DOING HERE?
SHANGHAI IS IN
THE HANDS OF
THE INVADERS!



ALAS, IT IS SO!
THE GENERALISSIMO
AND I CAME FROM
THE INTERIOR
DISGUISED AS
POOR
PEASANTS--
BUT HE IS
EVEN NOW IN
THE HANDS OF
A TRAITOR



MADAME SHY-CHECK TELLS
HER STORY...

AN EVIL ONE -
WU-FANG - HAS
BRIBED MANY
OF OUR WAR
LORDS SO THAT
IS IMPOSSIBLE
TO TELL WHO
CAN BE
TRUSTED



AND YOU CAME TO
SHANGHAI TO
DISCOVER HIS
HANG-OUT?

YES! FOR UN-
LESS WE DIS-
COVER THE WAR
LORDS IN HIS
POWER, AND
RELIEVE THEM
OF THEIR
COMMANDS,
I-I FEAR--



BUT WHAT
OF THE
GENERAL-
ISSIMO!

I DO NOT KNOW!
HE WAS DIS-
COVERED BY
FANG'S SPIES

... I ALONE
MANAGED TO
ESCAPE!



AH MEE! HURRY!
I MAY NEED YOUR
HELP....

IN BLOOD ALLEY IS THE HEAVEN FLOWER DANCE HALL WHERE THE POLITICIANS GATHER...



HE REACHES THE
SIDE OF THE JUNK!



THE CREW PULLS HIM
ABOARD...



COME BELOW,
PLEASE, FOR
INVESTIGATION!

SURE I
WILL!



JACK STRIKES SWIFTLY!



...AND MAKES QUICK WORK OF THE CREW!



HE
LOCATES
FANG'S
QUARTERS...



YOUR GAME IS UP WU
FANG! RELEASE THE
GENERALISSIMO!

GLADLY! BUT---



FANG TOSSES THE KEY
THROUGH THE PORTHOLE!

I REGRET
TO AN-
NOUNCE
THAT THE
KEY TO
GENERAL-
ISSIMO'S
CHAINS
HAS
BEEN
CARE-
LESSLY
LOST
IN THE RIVER!



JACK'S KNOWLEDGE OF
LOCKS AND CHAINS COMES
IN HANDY!



THE SONG OF A
FISHERMAN FLOATS IN
THROUGH THE
PORTHOLE...



THEY MARCH WU FANG
TO THE SIDE OF
THE SHIP...



THE CREW MEMBERS REGAIN
CONSCIOUSNESS!



JACK STRUGGLES AGAINST
ODDS IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE
GENERALISSIMO TIME TO ESCAPE!



JACK IS TAKEN PRISONER!



THE GENERALISSIMO
RETURNS TO
SAFETY, BUT JACK
IS IN THE HANDS
OF THE INVADER
SPIES.



WHAT FURTHER AD-
VENTURES AWAIT
SHANGHAI
SHERIDAN?
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DANCES OF THE WILD WEST

Buffalo gals coming out tonight;
Coming out tonight; coming out tonight;
Buffalo gals coming out tonight;
To dance by the light of the moon.

—A. D. 1847

NOTHING much apparently to that little ninety-year-old lyric but reiteration. But there is really much more to it. There is a world of romance and history of the pioneer West concealed in the lines. And the music was what jitterbugs of today would call swell.

To begin with, the buffalo gals—the jitterbugs of their day—used to dance on horseback much of the time. They danced also on the short-grass sward of the open prairie and not on polished dance floors as they do today. Then there were no electric lights—not even kerosene lights, which afterwards laid the foundation for the John D. Rockefeller millions. There was nothing but candlelight. Candlelight was not adequate for the roomy, outdoor, horseback dances of the early West so “they danced by the light of the moon.”

The first two words of the lyric hark back to the very early days in the settlement of the West. Then the pioneer women, the “buffalo gals,” hunted the bison herds on the open plains, in the saddles of hard-running ponies stirrup to stirrup with their husbands and sweethearts. These were not the type of tourist sportsmen who later hunted the buffalo to extinction. The buffalo gals and their husbands and escorts hunted the buffalo only when necessary to provide meat for their rough-hewn log tables, sustenance for their hearty youngsters, clothes for their strong, broad backs and blankets for their crude bunks or beds.

It was only the foresight of these pioneers and the fecundity of their growing domesticated herds of cattle that prevented the extinction of the buffalo from being as great

a hardship to them as it was to the Indians of the plains country.

It is certainly history worth recording and remembering that these buffalo gals became the mothers of a great empire. The hardships they endured, the dangers they confronted unflinchingly, and the fortitude with which they surmounted every obstacle builded for a strong nation, one that now fears no power or force on earth!

The buffalo gals took their fun as they found it. They had builded an unflinching stamina on the firm foundation of their inherent virtue. When not about their housewifely or daughterly tasks they lived, like their men, in the saddle. That is how the earliest of the Western belles did their dancing.

For many seasons the Buffalo Bill Wild West show featured one of these dances, the Virginia Reel, done by hard-riding boys and girls on their horses. It was a beautiful spectacle but nothing like the real thing. The reason is that under the Big Top of the Col. Cody show, the dance was more or less restricted and restrained. To put it briefly, the hard-riding dancers were crowded for their natural wide-open space.

On the Western plains, as the dances were originally executed, the dancers had hundreds of miles of wide-open prairie—as level as a table-top, to dance on. And the band or orchestra, if you will, went along on horseback, too. The orchestra, often consisted of a fiddle, a concertina, a jewsharp and a mouth organ. There were no drums, and they needed none, for the place of the drums was often taken by a rattle-bone player. These “rattle-bones” were made from the ribs of calves. By a good performer they could be made to do about everything that can be done by a good snare-drummer.

The art of manufacturing and performing





on rattle-bones was discovered by the early slaves in the South. The few white Southerners who helped to settle the old West brought rattle-bones along with their banjos. The other breeds of Westerners learned the art, and rattle-bones were a part of most dance and minstrel show orchestras as late as the early nineties. It is practically a lost art now, but rattle-bones fashioned in artistic and geometrical perfection from ebony and other resonant woods are still on sale in the musical instrument stores, even on Broadway in New York City. A Chicago firm recently told the writer that there is still a small but regular demand for the bones in the hinterlands of the South and Far West where the art of the snare-drummer has been slow in penetrating.

THE moon in those interesting early days, the old song reveals to us, played as romantic a part as it does today. Even more so, no doubt. The pioneer jitterbugs of the frontier days were completely dependent on old Luna to illuminate their expansive outdoor dance pavilion. The moon, of course, did not show every night so a night with a full moon bathing the miles and miles of prairie in a mellow luster was a real event in the lives of the

young dancers. It was an event worth singing about. It meant a happy rendezvous of devoted couples and young lovers. It was well worthy of the lustiest singing of the swains of the old frontier. And so they sang:

Buffalo gals coming out tonight;
 Coming out tonight; coming out tonight;
 Buffalo gals coming out tonight;
 To dance by the light of the moon.

And the swing of the music—dance music has always had a swing—was just as sweet and maybe not so corny as the moderns would have you believe. Music in its intrinsic primitives does not change. Musical terms change, of course. Nevertheless, take it from an old-timer, who was quite a bone-rattler in his youth, that the swing of the music of the old horseback dances and later the barn dances was just as exhilarating as is the swing of today. They changed the names of this sort of music through the years. It changed from hoe-down (meaning to beat down) to rag-time, and from rag-time to jazz, and now they call it swing.

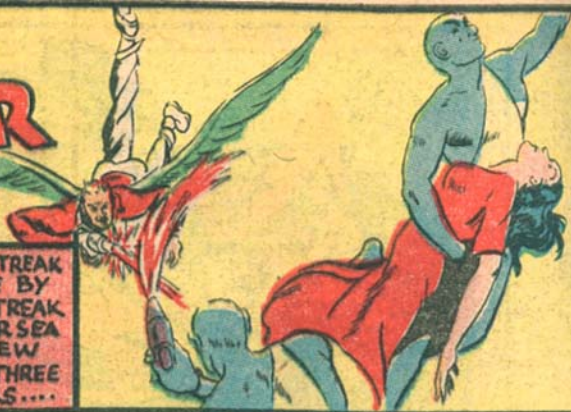
In the early West swing meant something altogether different. They used to swing the horse thieves and bandits.

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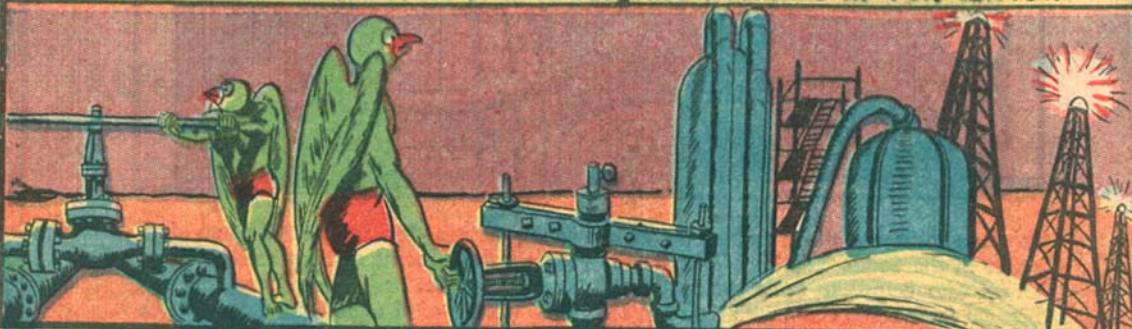
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STREAK CHANDLER ON MARS



PROFESSOR FINLAY, HIS DAUGHTER VOLA, AND STREAK CHANDLER, AFTER HAVING BEEN TAKEN CAPTIVE BY THE LOKIS WERE MADE ALLIES WHEN STREAK SUBDUED THE DREADED MARTIAN UNDER SEA MONSTER, THE BRONTAURIS. WHAT NEW ADVENTURES LIE IN STORE FOR THE FIRST THREE EARTH CREATURES EVER TO REACH MARS....

FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS THE LOKIS HAVE WORKED, BUILDING THE CANALS OF MARS, THAT EARTH SCIENTISTS HAVE SEEN AND PUZZLED AT FOR CENTURIES.



THE LOKI CHIEF EXPLAINS!

THESE CANALS WOULD HAVE BEEN FINISHED CENTURIES AGO IF IT WEREN'T FOR OUR DEADLY ENEMIES THE GAS PEOPLE. BUT WHEN WE ARE FINISHED, MARS SHALL BE THE MOST CULTIVATED PLANET IN THE HEAVENS



THE LOKI CHIEF APPOINTS STREAK TO A POSITION OF HONOR!

YOU, STREAK CHANDLER, I'LL TRY MY BEST, WILL TAKE CHARGE OF OUR ADVANCE GUARD AND KEEP WATCH FOR THE GAS MEN

I HOPE THESE ARTIFICIAL WINGS HOLD ME UP!



STREAK ASSUMES HIS NEW DUTIES

SAY, AORTA WHAT DO THESE GAS MEN LOOK LIKE?

YOU'LL KNOW THEM WHEN YOU SEE THEM!



SUDDENLY...

THE GAS MEN!
THE GAS MEN!



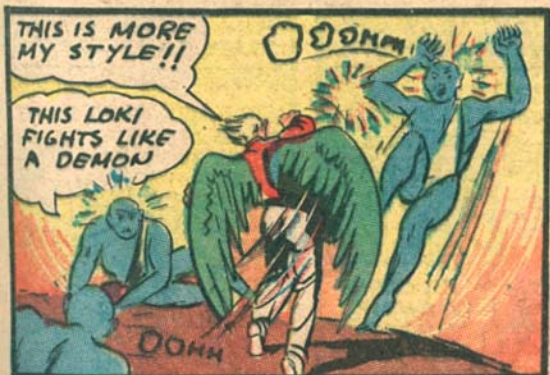
THE LOKIS FLY TO THE ATTACK



THE GAS MEN ARE FORCED EARTHWARD



THE GAS MEN FIGHT WITH ANIMAL-LIKE FEROCITY, BUT GIVE WAY BEFORE THE ONSLAUGHT OF THE LOKIS.



BUT STREAK CHANDLER'S WARNING COMES TOO LATE!



STREAK GIVES CHASE.....



THE GAS MEN REACH THE CRATER
OPENING BEFORE THE LOKIS!



IT'S PROBABLY
MY FINISH,
BUT I'M GOING
IN AFTER
THEM!!

AN IMPENETRABLE FLAMING BARRIER
PREVENTS THE LOKIS FROM PURSUING
THE GAS MEN ANY FURTHER!



TOO LATE!

THE EARTH-
MAN IS
DOOMED!!

INSIDE THE CRATER



MY WINGS!
THEY'RE
BEING
BURNED OFF!

HA!
NOW WE
HAVE YOU!

THE GAS-MEN TAKE
STREAK PRISONER



STREAK IS BROUGHT BEFORE
THE KING OF THE GAS-MEN



SILENCE, SLAVE, OR I
SHALL HAVE YOUR
TONGUE
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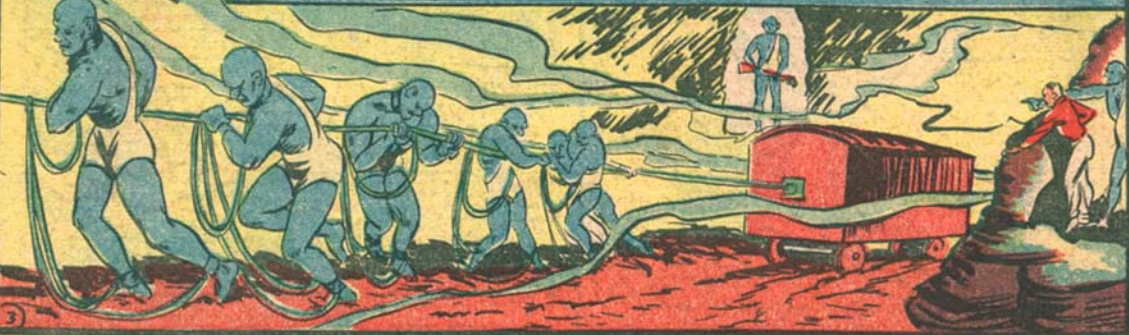
I'M GLAD
TO KNOW
YOU'RE NOT
HURT, VOLA

KALOX KING OF
THE GAS-MEN



YOUR ACCURSED LOKIS
HAVE STOOD
IN MY WAY
OF RULING
ALL MARS
YOU SHALL
HAVE A
TASTE OF
THE
SULPHUR
PITS!

THOUSANDS OF FEET BELOW THE CRATER LAND OF THE GAS-MEN ARE THE
SULPHUR PITS, AND TO THEM STREAK CHANDLER IS LED!



STREAK QUICKLY STRIKES UP AN ACQUAINTANCE WITH A FELLOW CAPTIVE!



WHAT ARE YOU IN HERE FOR?

I AM A FOLLOWER OF THE REAL KING OF THE GAS MEN, FROM WHOM THE TRYANT KALOX, USURPED THE THRONE! I WAS HIS MINISTER OF STATE!

THE GAS PEOPLE THINK THEIR KING DEAD! THEY DO NOT KNOW THAT HE IS HELD PRISONER IN THE SULPHUR TOMBS BY KALOX. ALL THESE PRISONERS ARE FOLLOWERS OF THE TRUE KING!



DAYS LATER STREAK CHANDLER SEES SOMETHING THAT SENDS THE BLOOD POUNDING INTO HIS HEAD!



AN UNDER-GROUND RIVER! IT MUST LEAD INTO THE OUTSIDE WORLD, IF ONLY THERE WAS SOME WAY OF GETTING LOOSE FROM THESE CABLES.

UNSEEN BY THE GUARDS STREAK PURSUES A DESPERATE PLAN!



THIS OUGHT TO DO THE TRICK!

THE STEEL CABLES ARE SNAPPED



SWIFTLY DONNING THE ARTIFICIAL GILLS THAT WERE GIVEN HIM BY THE LOKIS, STREAK DIVES!!!



SO LONG BOYS I'VE GOT A DATE WITH A COUPLE OF MERMAIDS!

STOP HIM!



NOW WITH A LITTLE LUCK I'LL GET OUT OF HERE, AND THEN FOR VOLA!!!

THE GAS MEN GIVE CHASE IN AN UNDER-WATER ROCKET SHIP!



I HADN'T BARGAINED ON THAT! LOOKS LIKE I'M REALLY SUNK!!

JUST THEN THE BRONTAURIS, KING OF THE DEEP, APPEARS!

WH... WHY... TH... THAT'S MY BRONTAURIS! BOY AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!



THE BRONTAURIS IS OBEIENT TO HIS MASTER, STREAK CHANDLER'S COMMAND



ATTA BOY! THATS GIVING THEM THE OLD SQUEEZE PLAY!

THE BRONTAURIS SUMMONS ITS TRIBESMEN!

WELL I'LL BE! NOW'D YOU KNOW THAT I WANTED YOU TO DO THAT!

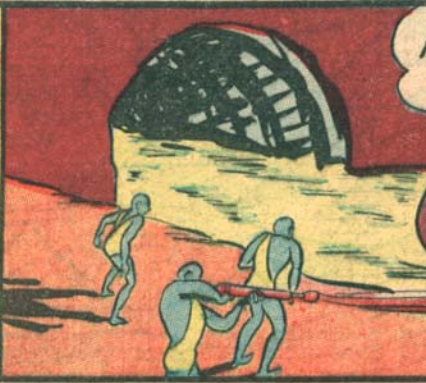


A WEIRD UNDERSEAS ARMY RETURN TO THE SULPHUR PITS!

GREAT SCOT IT'S UNCANNY! THESE THINGS SEEM TO BE ABLE TO READ MY THOUGHTS



INTO THE ENEMY CAMP



BREAK THE PRISONERS' CABLES! DON'T HARM THEM!



THE BRONTAURIS OBEY !!!

NOW IF I CAN MANAGE TO ESCAPE THOSE FLAME GUNS LONG ENOUGH!



THE WHITE LOKI IS A GOD!

THE FREED CAPTIVES BATTLE THE GUARDS

DEATH TO TYRANT KALOX! LONG LIVE REGA, THE TRUE KING!



CHARGE!

STREAK LOCATES THE MINISTER OF STATE!



QUICK! TO THE KING'S PRISON!

THIS WAY!

THEY ARRIVE AT THE TOMB



YOUR MAJESTY WE COME TO RESCUE YOU!

REGA THE TRUE KING OF THE GAS-MEN



WH...WHAT H.-HOW!

THE KING IMMEDIATELY FLOATS TO FREEDOM!



QUICK, TO THE PALACE! KALOX SHALL RECEIVE HIS JUST DESSERTS!

IF HE'S HARMED VOLA, HE'LL ANSWER TO ME!

MEANWHILE, IN THE PALACE!



I SHALL MAKE YOU A PRINCESS, BEAUTIFUL WHITE CREATURE!

NO...NO DON'T TOUCH ME!

VOLA! VOLA! SEIZE THE TRAITOR!



KALOX I'VE COME TO DEAL WITH YOU!

WHAT WHAT

BUT KALOX PLAYS HIS TRUMP CARD AND MAKES HIS ESCAPE !!



YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME-FOOLS!

STOP HIM!

EMPTY-HANDED THE PURSUERS OF KALOX RETURN!



HE DISAPPEARED YOUR MAJESTY!

THAT NIGHT STREAK BRINGS THE KING OF THE LOKIS, AND REGA, TRUE KING OF THE GAS-MEN TOGETHER!



TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE MARS THE GARDEN PLANET OF THE UNIVERSE!

YES! AND WE HAVE STREAK CHANDLER TO THANK FOR THIS MEETING

AND IT WAS THE BRONTAURIS WHOM HAS ALWAYS BEEN CONSIDERED YOUR ENEMY, WHO REALLY SAVED BOTH YOUR KINGDOMS

MORE STIRRING ADVENTURES OF
Streak Chandler ON MARS
IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF
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WINGS JOHNSON OF THE AIR PATROL

BY ED SMALE JR.

WINGS JOHNSON, AMERICAN YOUTH, JOINED THE R.A.F. TO AVENGE THE DEATH OF HIS BOYHOOD CHUM KILLED BY THE GERMAN SUBMARINE COMMANDER, VON SCHILLER. THOUGH HE HAS SUNK TWO OF VON SCHILLER'S U-BOATS, THE NAZI IS STILL ALIVE. JOHNSON'S SUPERIOR OFFICER, THINKING WINGS IS AN ENEMY SPY FAKING A HATRED OF VON SCHILLER, HAS WING'S COURT-MARTIALED. NOW, AFTER HOURS OF DELIBERATION THE COURT HAS REACHED A DECISION. WHAT WILL THE VERDICT BE?



THIS COURT FINDS THE DEFENDANT NOT GUILTY. WE FEEL THAT JOHNSON SHOULD BE PROMOTED, NOT PROSECUTED FOR HIS HEROIC FIGHTS AGAINST VON SCHILLER.



WINGS IS EXONERATED.

A FEW DAYS LATER-

AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COURT, YOU ARE PROMOTED TO FIRST LIEUTENANT AND MADE FLIGHT LEADER.

THANK YOU, SIR.



INTELLIGENCE INFORMS US THAT VON SCHILLER IS OPERATING OFF SOUTH AFRICA. YOUR FLIGHT WILL GO THERE AND HUNT HIM DOWN.

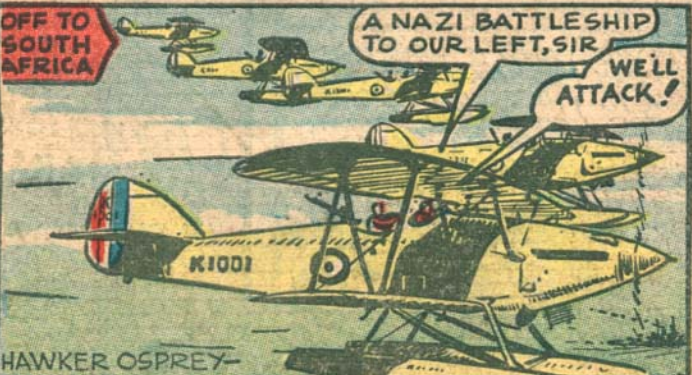
I'LL REALLY GET HIM THIS TIME, SIR!



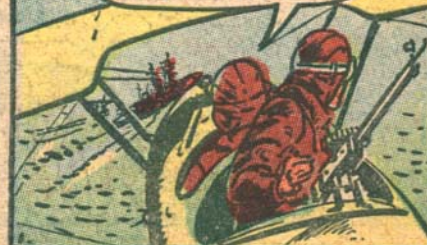
OFF TO SOUTH AFRICA

A NAZI BATTLESHIP TO OUR LEFT, SIR

WE'LL ATTACK!

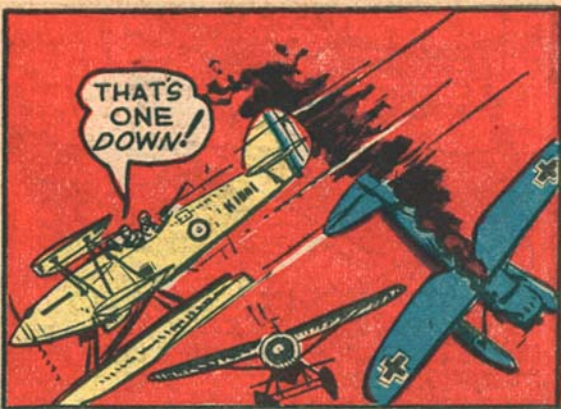


THEY'RE SENDING PLANES UP TO INTERCEPT US - YOU BOYS BOMB THE BATTLESHIP - I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE PLANES.

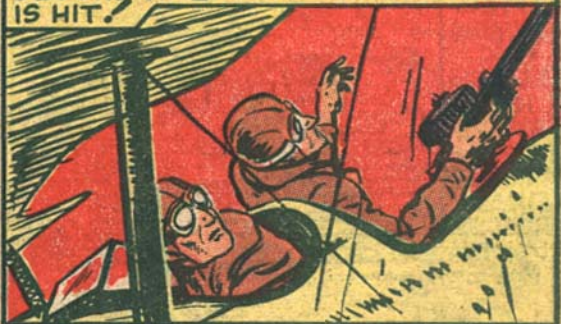


HAWKER OSPREY-

BEFORE BOTH ENEMY PLANES CAN GET INTO ACTION, WINGS DIVES ON THE LEADING ONE.



BUT HIS DIVE CARRIES HIM PAST THE SECOND NAZI SHIP—WINGS' GUNNER IS HIT!



WITH THE ENEMY ABOVE HIM AND HIS GUNNER WOUNDED, WINGS IS IN A SPOT



I HOPE THIS CRATE HANGS TOGETHER.



THE SECOND NAZI SHIP FALLS PREY TO WINGS' QUICK MANEUVER

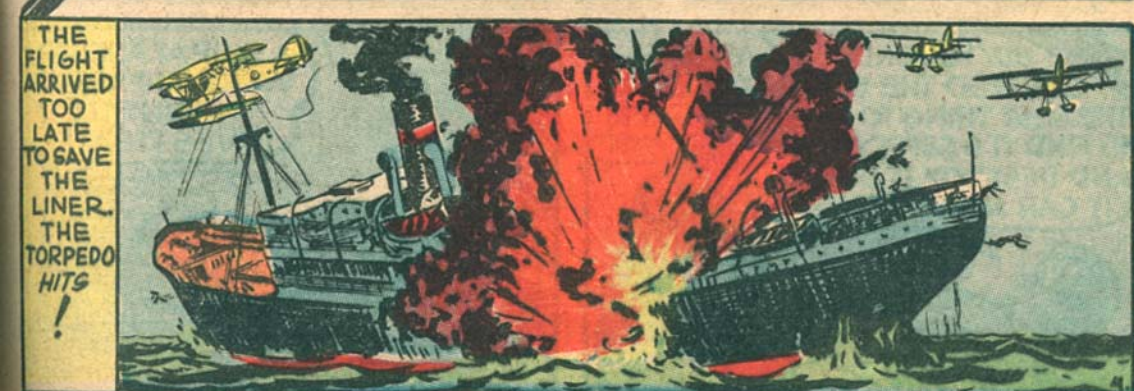
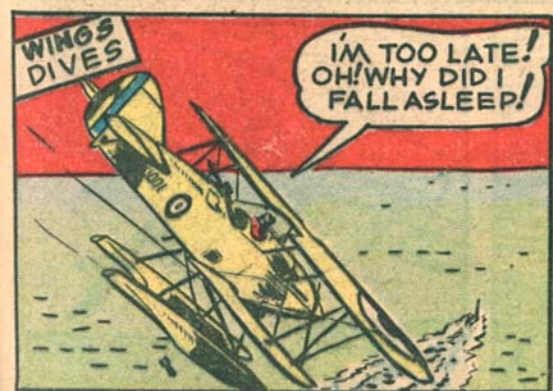


GOOD SHOOTING YANK, SORRY I COULDN'T HELP YOU.



MEANWHILE, THE OTHER PLANES HAVE BEEN BLASTING THE NAZI WARSHIP.



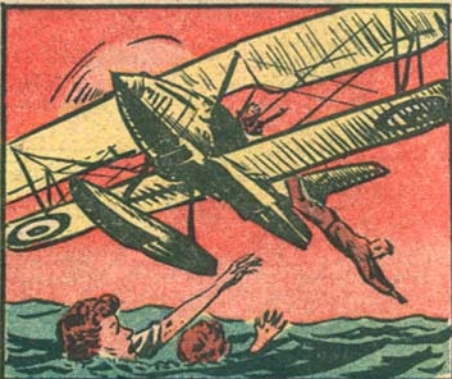


I HOPE IT'S NOT TOO DEEP FOR OUR BOMBS TO TAKE EFFECT!

YOU HIT HIM, SIR!

HE'S PROBABLY JUST CRIPPLED, THOSE PEOPLE NEED HELP.

YOU SET THE PLANE DOWN, I'M GOING TO THE AID OF THAT WOMAN AND CHILD!



OH! THANK YOU! I WAS JUST ABOUT TO GIVE UP.

WE'VE GOT TO GET THESE PEOPLE TO A HOSPITAL. I'LL TAKE CARE OF VON SCHILLER LATER!

LATER— SO! YOU ONLY CRIPPLED THE SUB. THE BEST THING TO DO IS FIND ITS SUPPLY SHIP AND DESTROY IT BEFORE IT CAN MAKE REPAIRS!

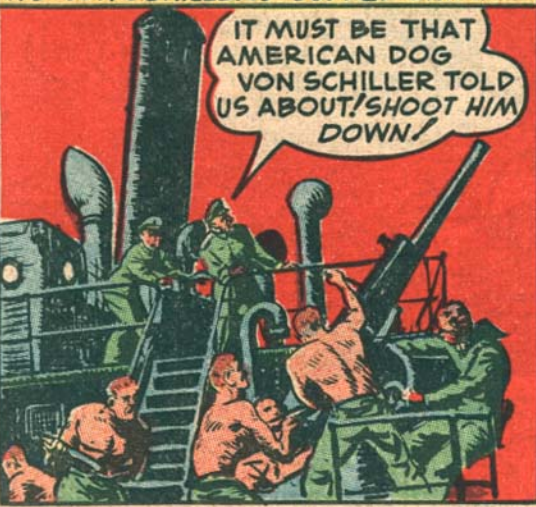
MY IDEA EXACTLY. I'LL START NOW!

200 MILES OUT

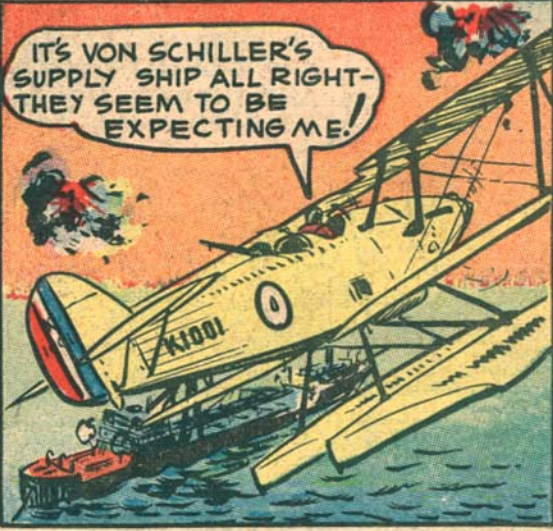
A SHIP AT ANCHOR WAY OUT HERE, THAT'S FUNNY—I'LL INVESTIGATE!

IT'S VON SCHILLER'S SUPPLY SHIP.

IT MUST BE THAT AMERICAN DOG VON SCHILLER TOLD US ABOUT! SHOOT HIM DOWN!



IT'S VON SCHILLER'S SUPPLY SHIP ALL RIGHT- THEY SEEM TO BE EXPECTING ME!



MISSED IT! I'LL HAVE TO DIVE CLOSER. I CAN'T AFFORD TO WASTE ANOTHER EGG.



WINGS TRIES AGAIN

IT'S NOW OR NEVER!



I GOT 'EM THAT TIME!



OH! THEY GOT ME TOO!



IS WINGS BADLY HIT?

JUST THEN VON SCHILLER ARRIVES

OUR SUPPLY SHIP IS SUNK! AND THERE'S THE BIRD WHO DID IT.



VON SCHILLER! WELL, YOU GOT HERE JUST IN TIME FOR ME!



MAN, THE GUN! IT MUST BE THAT CRAZY YANK-NOBODY ELSE WOULD FLY THIS FAR OUT ALONE.



I'VE ONLY ONE BOMB LEFT. I'LL HAVE TO DIVE TO MAKE SURE OF A HIT.



THE FOOL IS COMING STRAIGHT AT US! HURRY UP AND SHOOT!



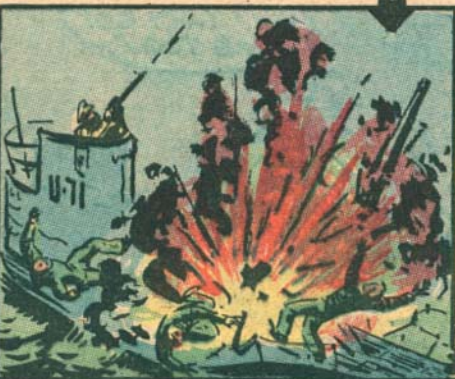
A NAZI SHELL RIPS A BIG HOLE IN ONE WING!



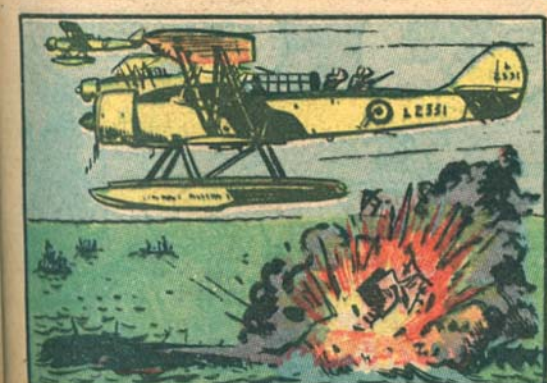
GOOD! NOW HE CAN'T SUBMERGE. THEY'RE AT MY MERCY!



WINGS' BOMB BLOWS UP THE SUB'S GUN AND DAMAGES THE HULL!



WITH VON SCHILLER, THE ONLY MAN ON DECK LEFT ALIVE, IT BECOMES A DUEL BETWEEN THE TWO.



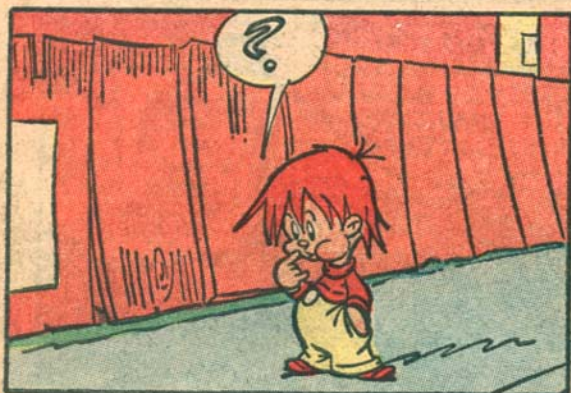
NOODLE

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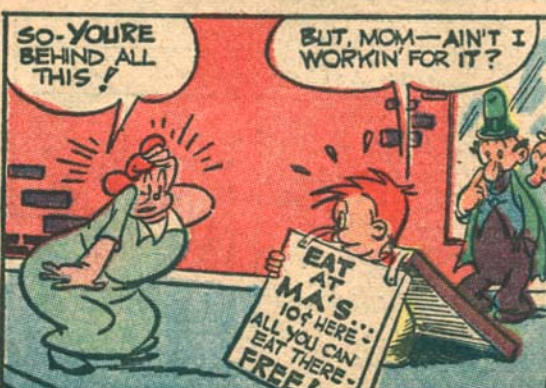
MOM—CAN I HAVE
A QUARTER TO GO
TO THE MOVIES?

NOT SO FAST YOUNG MAN.
MONEY DOESN'T GROW
ON TREES—YOU HAVE TO
WORK FOR IT.



PARDON ME, LADY—
COULD I TROUBLE YOU
FOR A BITE TO EAT?

ER... WHY... YES...
COME IN



DICK STORM



ON THE ISLAND OF THE DEVIL DOCTOR

IN THE CORAL SEAS, OFF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS, DICK STORM FISHES FOR PEARLS...



I GUESS WE CAN START BACK. WE'VE GOT ENOUGH PEARLS FOR THIS TRIP HEY, BURTON! COME ON BACK ...! WE'RE LEAVING!

HA, HA / YOU'RE LEAVING ALL RIGHT... .. RIGHT OUT OF THIS WORLD! I'M NOT SHARING THESE PEARLS WITH ANYONE!

UNAWARE OF THE DEATH LURKING BENEATH THE HARMLESS LOOKING STARTER, ONE OF THE MEN PREPARES TO GET THE BOAT MOVING ...!



THE STARTER SETS OFF A BOMB AND THE BOAT IS BLOWN TO THE SKIES ...!

DICK STORM MANAGES TO SURVIVE THE BLAST ...!

1..I CAN'T HOLD OUT LONG ... GOT TO REACH SHORE !!

DICK STORM'S ESCAPED! HE'LL KILL ME IF HE CATCHES ME! I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY!



DICK STORM ADVENTURER AND EXPLORER, PITS HIS COURAGE AND DARING AGAINST THE FIENDISH DEVIL-DOCTORS OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS !!



I'M GOING AFTER THAT MURDERING SWINE... I'LL BRING HIM BACK TO JUSTICE IF IT'S THE LAST THING THAT I DO!



DICK SETS OUT ON HIS MANHUNT.

HE WENT THIS WAY!



AHEAD, BURTON FLEES IN TERROR !!

HE..HE'LL NEVER CATCH ME! THE PEARLS..THEY'RE MINE. ALL MINE!



ANOTHER TRAP... A PIT COVERED WITH UNDERBRUSH.

H..HELP! I'M..FALLING !!

BURTON CONTINUES HIS HEADLONG RUSH, AND SETS OFF A TRAP-- A POISONED ARROW SET OFF BY A VINE UNDERFOOT!



LUCKILY HE STUMBLES AND THE ARROW SPEEDS OVER HIS HEAD!!



BURTON'S FRENZIED IMPETUS HURLS HIM AGAINST THE FAR SIDE OF THE PIT.... HAD HE FALLEN STRAIGHT DOWN HE WOULD HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY POISONED STAKES!



THE NATIVES OF THE ISLAND APPEAR AND TAKE BURTON CAPTIVE!

MEANWHILE DICK STORM IS IN PURSUIT

THAT BRANCH LOOKS A LITTLE TOO INNOCENT TO SUIT ME.



I'LL JUST PUSH THAT THING OFF THE TRAIL AND KEEP MY DISTANCE



DICK'S SUSPICIONS ARE CONFIRMED

WOW! I WOULD HAVE BEEN MINCE MEAT IF I'D BEEN UNDER THAT.



THE LOUD CRASH BRINGS THE SOLOMON ISLAND BUSHMEN TO THE SCENE.

WHAT THE-- IT'S A QUICK EXIT FOR ME IF I WANT TO KEEP IN ONE PIECE



BUT RETREAT IS CUT OFF BY MORE BUSHMEN.

OH! OH! THAT DOES IT!-- WAIT A MINUTE, THIS VINE GIVES ME AN IDEA.



PARDON ME EIGHT BALLS, IT'S THE KALTHAR IN ME!

OOMPH!

BUT THE ODDS
ARE TOO GREAT!



THE SOLOMON
ISLANDERS
MARCH THE CAPTIVE
TO THEIR
VILLAGE!

I GUESS THEY
WANT ME ALIVE!
BUT I WISH
THEY'D STOP
LOOKING AT ME
LIKE I WAS A
CAFETERIA
TICKET!



DICK IS TIED TO A TREE, NEXT TO
THE OTHER PRISONER!



BURTON IS THE FIRST ONE TO GO!



BURTON, CRAZED WITH
FEAR, BREAKS LOOSE,
AND MAKES A MAD
DASH AT DICK!





MARANGA!

IF YOU HADN'T CHASED ME INTO THE JUNGLE, THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED!

THE BLACKS MANAGE TO PRY THE MAD BURTON AWAY FROM THEIR OTHER WHITE CAPTIVE!



HE MIGHT HAVE DONE ME A FAVOR AT THAT..... THESE ROPES SEEM TO BE LOOSE!

DICK DECIDES ON A DESPERATE BREAK FOR LIBERTY!



NOW WE'LL PLAY MY WAY!



HERE'S A TASTE OF YOUR OWN SOUP!

UNNOTICED IN THE CONFUSION, THE TREACHEROUS BURTON ESCAPES INTO THE JUNGLE, LEAVING DICK TO BATTLE HIS WAY OUT ALONE!



THEY'LL FINISH DICK STORM!



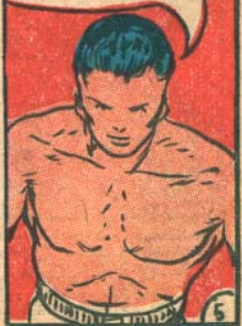
DICK IS FORCED TO USE ONE OF THE GRISLY STICKS IN HIS DARING PLAN!



FIRST TIME I'VE POLE VAULTED SINCE I WAS IN COLLEGE!

BUT DICK DOES NOT DASH RECKLESSLY INTO THE JUNGLE!

IF I RUN FOR IT THEY'LL CATCH UP WITH ME. BEST THING FOR ME TO DO IS TO WAIT FOR THEM TO GO BY, AND THEN RUN THE OTHER WAY!



THE BLACKS GIVE CHASE ALONG THE TRAIL THEY BELIEVE DICK HAS TAKEN!

YOU GO YOUR WAY, I'LL GO MINE!



BUT THE TREACHEROUS BURTON AMBUSHES DICK!



YOU'LL NEVER GET THESE PEARLS!

DICK AVOIDS THE DEADLY LUNGE!



TAKE THAT!



HERE'S ONE FOR YOUR WHISKERS, YOU MURDERING HOUND!

OOOOH!

I OUGHT TO LEAVE YOU HERE TO ROT. BUT THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES WILL GIVE YOU WHAT YOU DESERVE!



DICK TAKES BURTON BACK TO THE BRITISH MILITARY POLICE WHICH HAS JURISDICTION OVER THE SOLOMON ISLANDS!

THIS MAN IS WANTED BY THE BRITISH POLICE. HE'LL HANG FOR THIS LATEST KILLING!

HANGING'S TOO GOOD FOR HIM!



MORE ADVENTURES OF DICK STORM, THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS SOLDIER OF FORTUNE, IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF — **TOP-NOTCH COMICS**

THE SHIELD

G-MAN — EXTRAORDINARY!

FIGHTS AGAINST EVIL IN EVERY ISSUE OF —

PEP COMICS

BOB PHANTOM

SCOURGE OF THE UNDERWORLD



BOB PHANTOM IS A NAME THAT INSPIRES DREAD IN THE HEARTS OF EVILDOERS... APPEARING AND DISAPPEARING AT WILL LIKE THE WILL O' THE WISP... HE STRIKES LIKE LIGHTNING, CONSTANTLY FRUSTRATING FORCES OF EVIL!

On Broadway

BY WALT WHITNEY

NOTE TO SALLY IVER: "I SHOULD BE VERY CAREFUL OF KIDNAPPERS IF I WERE YOU, SALLY... WITH ALL YOUR DOUGH, YOU'RE A PRETTY GOOD TARGET FOR A SNATCH... PLAY SAFE, KID!!"

BY GERRY THORP!



IN THE HOME OF THE MIL-LIONAIRE MORTIMER IVER

THIS WHITNEY IS RIGHT, SALLY. YOU OUGHT TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS.

OH, THAT OLD RUBBER-NECK! HE'S JUST GOT TO HAVE SOMETHING TO WRITE ABOUT!



IN A DOCTOR'S OFFICE, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY!

THIS WHITNEY KNOWS TOO MUCH... WE MUST GET RID OF HIM!

DON'T WORRY, HIS NUMBER IS UP!



THE WARNING OF WHITNEY'S HAS NO EFFECT ON SALLY...

WATCH THIS SWAN DIVE, EVERYBODY!



-BUT MR IVER TAKES NO CHANCES... HE HAS EVERY ENTRANCE GUARDED!

CHEE, SHORTY EVEN HOUDINI COULDN'T BREAK INTO DIS JOINT

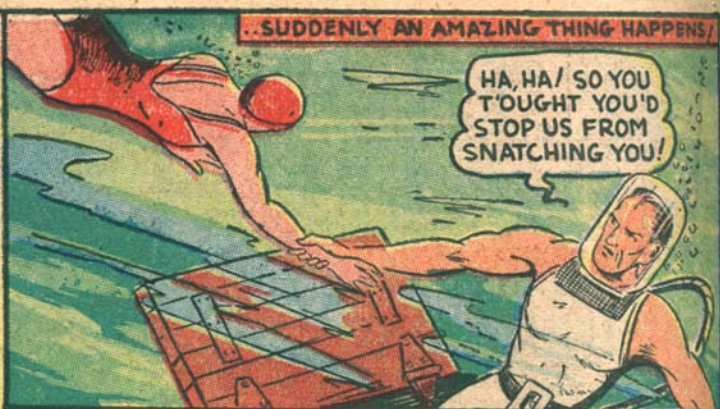
YEAH! THAT IVER DAME IS SAFE FROM SNATCHES!



NICE FORM, SALLY!



SALLY REACHES THE POOL BOTTOM, WHEN



...SUDDENLY AN AMAZING THING HAPPENS!

HA, HA! SO YOU T'UGHT YOU'D STOP US FROM SNATCHING YOU!



UNEASINESS TURNS TO FRIGHT WHEN SALLY NEVER FAILS TO COME UP !!

DON'T WORRY WE'LL GET HER!

GREAT HEAVENS! MY DAUGHTER IS DROWNING!



WALT WHITNEY, BROADWAY COLUMNIST APPEARS...

DID I GET HERE TOO LATE? IS YOUR DAUGHTER GONE?

H..HOW DID YOU KNOW?...IT JUST HAPPENED!



A PLANE IS READY FOR THE KIDNAPPERS.

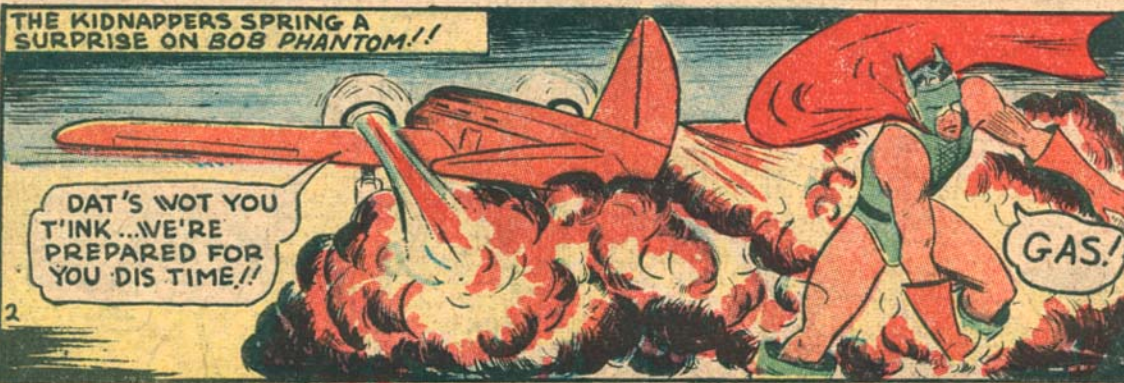
THE WHOLE THING WENT OFF LIKE CLOCKWORK.

YEAH/DE DOC SURE IS SMART!



SUDDENLY THE FIGURE OF BOB PHANTOM RESOLVES ITSELF FROM A PUFF OF SMOKE!

OKAY YOU HOODLUMS! THE JIG'S UP.. HAND OVER THAT G-IRL!



THE KIDNAPPERS SPRING A SURPRISE ON BOB PHANTOM!!

DAT'S NOT YOU T'INK...WE'RE PREPARED FOR YOU DIS TIME!!

GAS!

BOB PHANTOM'S AMAZING VITALITY OVERCOMES THE EFFECTS OF THE DEADLY POISON!



A CLEAN GETAWAY!
WOW! I'M STILL GROGGY!

WALT WHITNEY IS ARRESTED ON SUSPICION!



IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE A HAND IN THIS KIDNAPING, HOW DID YOU KNOW ABOUT IT BEFORE IT HAPPENED?

A LITTLE BIRDIE TOLD ME...



I CAN CONTACT THESE KIDNAPPERS AND ACT AS AN INTERMEDIARY. YOU MAY HAVE TO PAY HEAVY RANSOM, MR. IVER, BUT SALLY WILL REMAIN UNHARMED... AND MAYBE I CAN CATCH THESE CROOKS ALSO!



MAYBE YOU GOT SOMETHING THERE, WHITNEY!

I'LL PAY ANYTHING... ONLY GET SALLY BACK UNHARMED!

IN THE KIDNAPPER'S HEADQUARTERS...



HERE'S IVER'S ANSWER TO DAT 100 GRAND RANSOM NOTE, DOC!

GOOD! IF THERE IS ANY SLIP-UP, THE GIRL DIES ON THE OPERATING TABLE!



THIS IS PERFECT! WALT WHITNEY IS TO ACT AS INTERMEDIARY... WE SHALL KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!

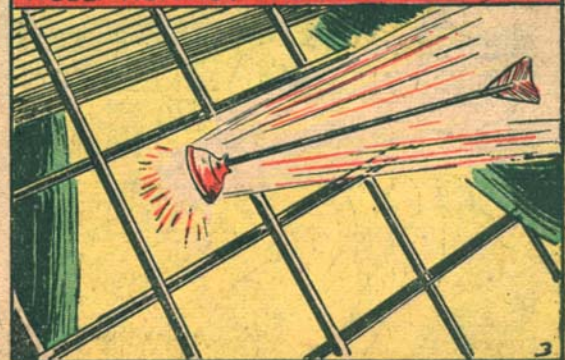
AT THE IVER ESTATE.



WON'T THEY EVER ANSWER?

TAKE IT EASY... IT'LL BE HERE SOON ENOUGH!

AGAIN WHITNEY'S PROPHECY BECOMES A FACT! A SUCTION ARROW SPITTLER ITSELF AGAINST THE WINDOW!!



AN INGENUOUS METHOD FOR SENDING A NOTE!

WILL MEET WHITNEY AT CEMETERY.
IF NOT ALONE, GIRL DIES!



YES, AND THEY'RE
PLENTY SMART TOO
...I'LL HAVE TO GO
ALONE!

THESE BIRDS
MEAN BUSINESS!



THAT NIGHT...

THIS IS THE
PLACE, ALL
RIGHT!



A
SUDDEN
ATTACK!

AHA! MR. WHITNEY
FELL FOR
OUR TRICK!

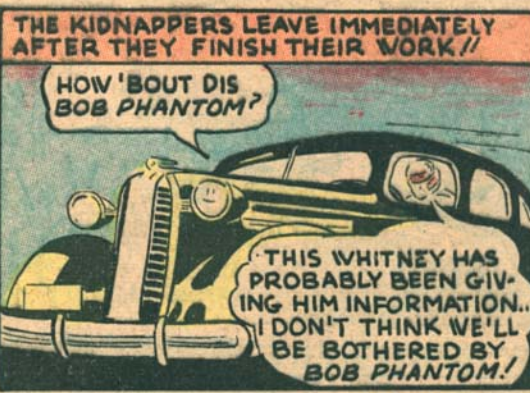
OOHH!



A HORRIBLE FATE FOR WHITNEY... BURIED ALIVE!

AND DE RANSOM
MONEY'S HERE!

THE FOOLS!
THEY THOUGHT THEY
COULD PIT THEIR WITS
AGAINST MINE!!



THE KIDNAPPERS LEAVE IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THEY FINISH THEIR WORK!!

HOW 'BOUT DIS
BOB PHANTOM?

THIS WHITNEY HAS
PROBABLY BEEN GIVING
HIM INFORMATION...
I DON'T THINK WE'LL
BE BOTHERED BY
BOB PHANTOM!



BUT BOB PHANTOM IS STILL TO BE RECKONED WITH!

WHOA, NELLIE!
YOU'RE TAKING
ON A STOWAWAY
!!



I'LL JUST LET THEM
CHAUFFEUR ME TO SALLY
IVER, BEFORE I ANNOUNCE
MYSELF!!

THE DOCTOR'S PLAN!

NOW THE GIRL DIES SO SHE MAY NEVER IDENTIFY ANY OF US. THEN WE BURY HER UNDER A FALSE NAME AND NO TRACE OF HER WILL BE FOUND!

BOB PHANTOM TO THE RESCUE!

WHAT THE!

CURSES, BOB PHANTOM!

REGULAR CUT-UP AREN'T YOU?

SAVE ME!

NOW, RATS! SEE IF YOU CAN LICK ANYBODY BUT WOMEN AND CHILDREN!

KILL HIM! KILL HIM!

BOB PHANTOM GOES TO SALLY'S AID, UNAWARE OF THE DANGER THAT THREATENS!

YOU'RE OKAY-NOW, MISS IVER. WE'LL SOON HAVE THE RATS BEHIND BARS!

THANK HEAVEN YOU CAME!

UNSEEN, THE DOCTOR THROWS A SWITCH AND...

HA, HA! AND NOW YOU BOTH DIE!

HELP!

THEY FALL INTO A LIONS' PIT!

THE DOCTOR UNMASKS, AND BOB PHANTOM SEES ...

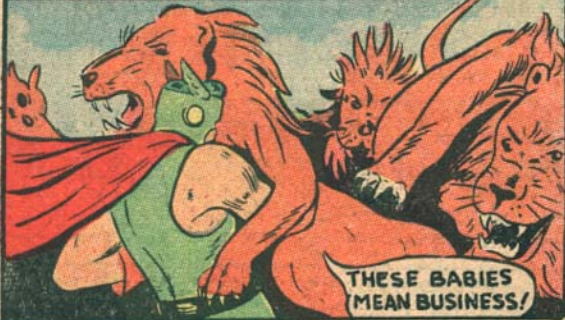
AH-KU!

HA, HA! YOU THOUGHT I HAD BEEN DESTROYED... I SHALL WATCH YOU BOTH BEING TORN APART!

BOB PHANTOM HIDES SALLY IN A SMOKE SCREEN

AND NOW FOR YOU OVERGROWN KITTENS!!

CAN EVEN THE PROWESS OF BOB PHANTOM MATCH THE MIGHT OF THE KING OF THE JUNGLE?



THESE BABIES MEAN BUSINESS!

WHILE IN THE ROOM ABOVE, THE KIDNAPPER'S CHUCKLE AT THE FATE OF THEIR VICTIMS...



HAW, HAW! DID YOU SEE THE LOOK ON HIS FACE WHEN HE SAW THEM LIONS?

SILENCE, FOOL! PREPARE TO LEAVE...

AN INCREDIBLE SIGHT! TWO FIERCE FELINES COME SPLINTERING THROUGH THE TRAP DOOR!!



WHAT THE!

BOB PHANTOM! HE IS A FIEND!!

THE THUG'S DIVE INTO THE PIT FROM WHICH THE LIONS CAME!



YEOW!

HELP!

POLICE BURST IN ON THE SCENE.



HOLY SMOKE! ...LIONS!

SHOOT 'EM!

THE POLICE SUBDUE THE LIONS.



HEY, WHITNEY, WE FOLLOWED AS SOON AS... HOLY SMOKE! IT AIN'T WHITNEY... IT'S BOB PHANTOM!

HELLO SER-GEANT! I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU... WHITNEY AND SALLY ARE SAFE!



AH-KU IS THE LEADER... WHERE IS SHE?

MUST'VE MADE A CLEAN GETAWAY!

PUT ME IN A NICE SAFE JAIL, COPPER! I DON'T WANT NO PART OF THIS PHANTOM!

BOB PHANTOM DOES NOT WAIT FOR MR. IVER'S THANKS.



NAME YOUR REWARD... WHAT THE!! WHERE DID HE GO?

TA, TA, EVERYBODY! ...SERVING JUSTICE IS MY REWARD!

On Broadway
BY WALT WHITNEY

THE POLICE DESERVE A LOT OF CREDIT FOR A GREAT PIECE OF WORK. SALLY IVER IS SAFE, THE RANSOM IS RETURNED, AND YOUR CORRESPONDENT NEARLY GOT HIMSELF A FORM-FITTING COFFIN.

MORE SMASH ADVENTURES OF **BOB PHANTOM** IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF —

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BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE!

JUNE ISSUE
NO. 4
ON SALE
APRIL 10TH



WATCH FOR
THE
RANG-A-TANG
CLUB
AND THE
RANG-A-TANG
HONOR LEGION!
CONTEST
WINNERS
ANNOUNCED!

RANG-A-TANG,
THE WONDER
DOG BRINGS TO
THE PAGES OF
BLUE RIBBON
COMICS, THE
COURAGE AND DARING, THAT
MADE RIN-TIN-TIN THE MOVIE'S
MOST FAMOUS CHARACTER----
RANG'S SUPERIOR INTELLI-
GENCE, HIS UNERRING SENSE OF

PLISHMENTS EQUAL EVEN
TO THOSE OF MEN WHOSE
EFFORTS IN THE DEFENCE OF
LAW AND ORDER ARE WRITTEN IN
THE MOST THRILLING PAGES OF HISTORY.

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THE GREEK GOD OF STRENGTH COMES TO LIFE TO BATTLE
TODAYS FORCES OF EVIL -

CORPORAL COLLINS - INFANTRYMAN! TY GOR - SON OF
THE TIGER! GYPSY JOHNSON - ADVENTURER! LOOP
LOGAN - AIR ACE! DOC STRONG - AND THE ISLE OF
RIGHT! THE FOX - DETECTIVE! THE GREEN FALCON -
KNIGHT AND CRUSADER!

DON'T FAIL TO GET YOUR COPY OF THE JUNE ISSUE NO.4 BLUE RIBBON
COMICS! ON SALE AT ALL NEWSSTANDS ABOUT APRIL 10TH

The WEST POINTER



KEITH KORNELL, OF WEST POINT, HAS PROVED HIS COURAGE MANY TIMES BEFORE, BUT NOW HE IS PITTED AGAINST MORE VICIOUS FORCES. CAN HE FRUSTRATE THESE ENEMIES OF HIS COUNTRY ??



THE HIGHEST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS REVIEW THE DRESS PARADE BEFORE GRADUATION CEREMONIES.



EYES RIGHT!!



THAT'S FUNNY! NO PLANES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE FLYING OVER THE GROUNDS TODAY... GOOD HEAVENS!! THEY'RE DROPPING A BOMB!!

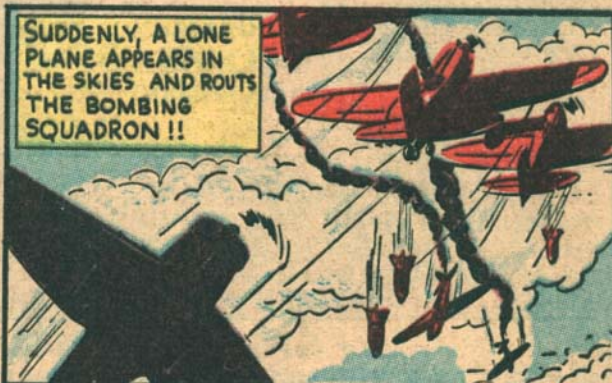
KEITH'S SHARP HEARING DETECTS THE DRONE OF A OF A MOTOR IN THE SKIES!!



KEITH TACKLES THE GENERAL AND SENDS HIM SPINNING FROM THE PATH OF THE BOMB!

WHAT...
...WHAT!!

LOOK OUT!!



SUDDENLY, A LONE PLANE APPEARS IN THE SKIES AND ROUTS THE BOMBING SQUADRON!!



WHO IS HE?
WHAT'S HAPPENED??

IT'S THE FELLOW WHO DROVE AWAY THOSE BOMBERS!!

THE UNKNOWN HERO LANDS HIS PLANE.



THE WIZARD INTRODUCES HIMSELF I'M THE WIZARD, SIR. SORRY I HAD TO BREAK IN ON YOU SO ABRUPTLY.

I... I'M PROUD TO MEET YOU SIR!!

THE WIZARD!! WHY.... WHY I THOUGHT YOU WERE SOME KIND OF MYTH!!

THE BOMBING IS ONE PART OF A TREMENDOUS PLOT OF THE MOSCONIAN GOV'T. THEY PLAN TO DESTROY THE MOST VITAL POINTS OF THE U.S. AND THEN TO INVADE. THESE SPIES PLANNED TO KILL THE HIGH OFFICIALS BY BOMBING WEST POINT, THEREBY WEAKENING THE U.S. ARMY !!



THE WIZARD DISCLOSES THE PLOT !!

I MANAGED TO STOP THIS FIRST ATTEMPT BUT THEY'LL TRY AGAIN !

GOODBYE, AND GOOD LUCK! THE ACADEMY SHALL BE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL TO YOU !!



THE GENERAL ASSIGNS KEITH TO A HAZARDOUS TASK !!

THE BOMBING HAS DELAYED THE GRADUATION CEREMONIES. YOU HAVE EARNED THE TASK OF KEEPING SPECIAL GUARD ON THE GROUNDS.

THANK YOU SIR! I SHALL DO MY BEST !!



UNKNOWN TO ALL, A HIDDEN MICRO-PHONE PICKS UP THE GENERAL'S WORDS!



... AND TRANSMITS THEM TO MOSCONIAN EARS IN A DESERTED SHACK ON STORM KING MOUNTAIN, NEAR-BY !!

DE CEREMONY VILL BE HELD LATER.

GOOT! UND NOW DERE IS NO WIZARD TO BODDER US !!

BUT DERES STILL CADET KORNELL !!



KEITH PHONES THE MILITARY GUARD AT THE ACADEMY GATE...

ORDERS ARE THAT NO ONE IS TO ENTER THE ACADEMY.

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT.



THE MOSCONIAN SPIES PROCEED WITH THEIR PLAN.

DERE MUST BE NO SLIP-UP. FAILURE MEANS DEATH!

THE MILITARY GUARD IS OVERPOWERED !!

QUVICK. OFF VID DERE CLOTHES!

SILENCE, DOG!



S... SOMEONE HERE TO... SEE YOU. KORNELL!!

OKAY, I'LL BE RIGHT OVER!

-THE GUARD IS FORCED TO PHONE KEITH

... KEITH IS MET WITH A SURPRISE ATTACK!!

IT IS KORNELL!

WHAT THE....!!

KEITH RECOVERS FROM HIS SURPRISE VERY QUICKLY!

I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THE PLEASURE OF THIS MEETING!

DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY !!

OOMPH !!!!!

MEANWHILE-- MOSCONIANS DISGUISED IN MILITARY UNIFORMS OVERPOWER THE MOTOR-CYCLE PATROL !!!!!

DISS VILL KEEP YOU QUIVET!

HEY! YOU CAN'T.... GLUB!

A TIME BOMB IS PLANTED!!

HALF THE U.S. GOV'T. OFFICIALS VIPED OUT VIT VUN BLAST!

HA, HA! THE U.S. ISS DOOMED !!

KEITH SUBDUES THE PLOTTERS, AND GOES TO MAKE HIS REPORT !!

THOSE SLEEPING POTIONS WON'T WEAR OFF FOR AWHILE !!

KEITH KORNELL BECOMES SUSPICIOUS!

SAY! I DON'T REMEMBER THAT THE PLATFORM NEEDS ANY FIXING.... I'LL BE..! THEY'RE MOSCONIANS!!

L..LOOK IT'S KORNELL!

KEITH ATTACKS!!

KILL HIM, OR OUR PLANS ARE RUINED!!

COMB THIS ONE OUT OF YOUR WHISKERS !!

3



DOT SETTLES YOUR HASH!

OOWW!



YOU WILL NOT UPSET OUR PLAN DIS TIME. THE PLATFORM HAS BEEN MINED!

W-WHERE AM I ?

KEITH REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS.....



CADET KORNELL, SPURRED BY DESPERATION, DECIDES UPON A RECKLESS RUSE.

ATTABOY WIZ'!! YOU'VE COME JUST IN TIME!!

HE ISS....!



THE PLOTTERS FALL FOR THE TRICK!

OOMPH!!!

V-VERE ISS HE!!



STOP HIM!

SO LONG, BOYS!!



OW! THIS GLASS IS CUTTING ME TO RIBBONS!

KEITH LANDS IN A SHOWER OF GLASS.



NOW TO CUT MYSELF FREE!

THE CADET HAS MORE THAN ONE TRICK !!



KEITH PROCEEDS TO CUT HIMSELF FREE!!



THE MOSCONIANS FOLLOW IN CLOSE PURSUIT!!

HE VENT UNDER THE HOUSE

SHOOT TO KILL!!

VE MUSTN'T LET HIM GET AWAY!

KEITH KORNELL CIRCLES THE THE HOUSE, AND ATTACKS !!



TAG, YOU'RE IT !!

HE ISS A VILDMAN !!

OKAY, THE REST OF YOU GET INTO THE CAR.

DO AS HE SAYS, OR I'M A DEAD MAN!



KEITH ORDERS THEM TO DRIVE TO THE ACADEMY

NOW, STEP ON THE GAS YOU MONKEYS!

Y..YES, S..SIR



KEITH TURNS THE MOSCONIAN SPIES OVER TO THE GUARD

TAKE CARE OF THEM !!

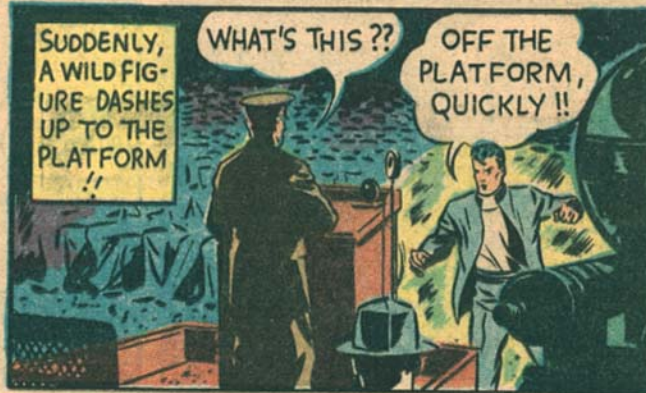
WH..WHAT THE...!!



UNAWARE OF THE DANGER, THE U.S. OFFICIALS PROCEED CALMLY !!

THANK YOU, SIR

GOOD LUCK !!



SUDDENLY, A WILD FIGURE DASHES UP TO THE PLATFORM !!

WHAT'S THIS ??

OFF THE PLATFORM, QUICKLY !!



NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON !!

KEITH TOSSES THE BOMB UP INTO THE AIR !!



LATER

THE ACADEMY WILL BE FOREVER INDEBTED TO YOU!

I ONLY DID MY DUTY, SIR !!

- AND, SO ENDS THIS THRILLING ADVENTURE OF KEITH KORNELL! LOOK FOR THE FURTHER DARING DEEDS OF THE WEST POINTER IN THE NEXT TOP-NOTCH COMICS

KARDAK

THE MYSTIC MAGICIAN

KARDAK, THE MYSTIC MAGICIAN, AND LORNA DORNE, A BEAUTIFUL AMERICAN GIRL, HAVE BEEN CAPTURED FROM AN OCEAN LINER BY THE FISHTAILS, AN UNDER SEAS TRIBE OF THE SUNKEN CONTINENT, ANDERRAS. LORNA HAS BECOME THEIR QUEEN, AND KARDAK, THEIR MINISTER OF STATE.



YOU HAVE TREATED US VERY KINDLY, YOUR MAJESTY, BUT LORNA AND MYSELF ARE GETTING HOMESICK FOR OUR OWN COUNTRY. WILL YOU SHOW US THE WAY OUT?

I CANNOT, OUR LEGEND SAYS THAT THE MOCHA MEN WILL DESTROY US UNLESS WE ARE PROTECTED BY OUR WHITE QUEEN!



THEN I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO GET RID OF THE MOCHA MEN.



KARDAK PROPOSES A PLAN.

THEN WE MUST DESTROY THE MOCHAS BEFORE THEY DESTROY THE FISHTAILS. WE MUST INVADE THEIR KINGDOM.

B-BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THEIR KINGDOM IS IMPENETRABLE AND OUR SOLDIERS WOULD NEVER DARE INVADE.



LORNA IS QUICK TO REALIZE KARDAK'S PLAN!

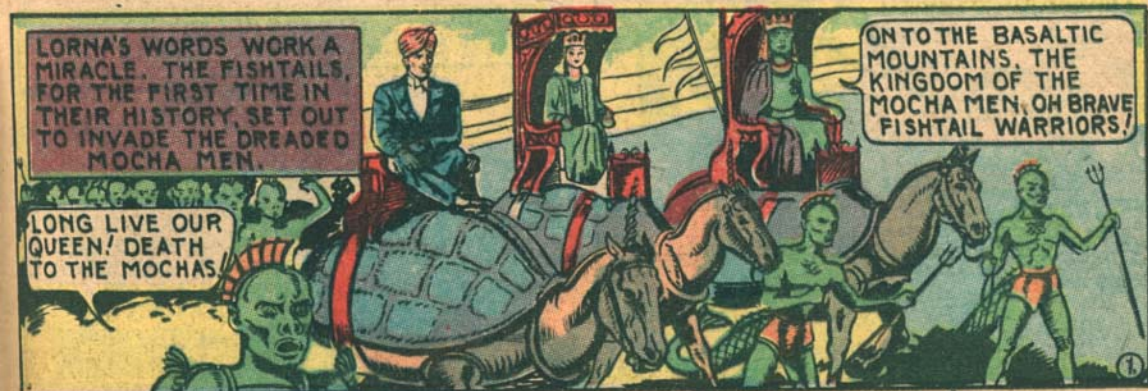
I AM YOUR PROTECTRESS. I SHALL ACCOMPANY YOUR SOLDIERS AND NO HARM SHALL BEFALL THEM. THE MOCHAS SHALL BE CONQUERED!



LORNA'S WORDS WORK A MIRACLE. THE FISHTAILS, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THEIR HISTORY, SET OUT TO INVADE THE DREADED MOCHA MEN.

LONG LIVE OUR QUEEN! DEATH TO THE MOCHAS!

ON TO THE BASALTIC MOUNTAINS, THE KINGDOM OF THE MOCHA MEN, OH BRAVE FISHTAIL WARRIORS!



THE FISHTAIL ARMY ARRIVES AT THE BASALTIC MOUNTAIN KINGDOM OF THE MOCHA MEN.

SAY, THAT'S FUNNY! ALL THESE SHIPWRECKS BEING IN ONE PLACE.

IT IS THE MOCHA MEN. IN SOME MYSTERIOUS WAY THEY PULL DOWN ALL PASSING EARTH SHIPS!

KARDAK HAS A PLAN.

NOW IF I HAVEN'T GROWN RUSTY, THESE ROPES OUGHT TO GET ME INTO MOCHA LAND!

JUST THEN ANOTHER SHIPWRECK APPEARS!

GREAT GHOSTS! THIS IS IN-HUMAN! NOW I'VE GOT A PERSONAL SCORE TO SETTLE WITH THESE MOCHANS!

BUT THERE IS NO WAY FOR US TO ENTER MOCHA LAND!

OH!



WITH THE ROPE STANDING STIFF IN THE AIR, KARDAK STARTS TO CLIMB!

I'LL FIND SOME WAY TO ENTER!

KARDAK, BE CAREFUL!

KARDAK'S CLIMB LEADS HIM TO THE ENTRANCE OF A HUGE CAVERN ATOP THE BASALTIC MOUNTAINS.

HM! NO WONDER MOCHA LAND HASN'T BEEN INVADED! BUT THERE MUST BE SOME WAY OF GETTING IN!

SUDDENLY, A TERRIFIC SUCTION IS FELT!



WHAT THE! I'M BEING SUCKED IN!

HE EMERGES INTO THE OCEAN AND IS WHIRLED ABOUT LIKE A STRAW IN A HURRICANE, AS HE IS SUCKED TOWARD A HUGE FUNNEL!

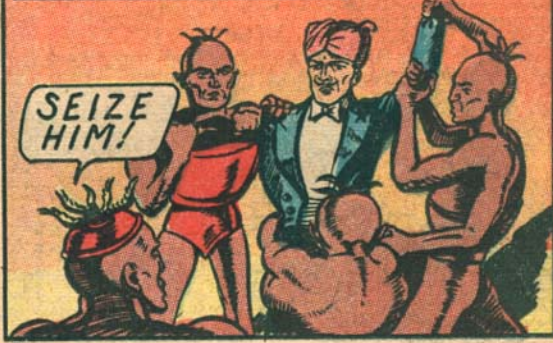


INTO THE LAND OF THE MOCHA MEN!



HA, HA! WELCOME TO MOCHA LAND, EARTHLING!

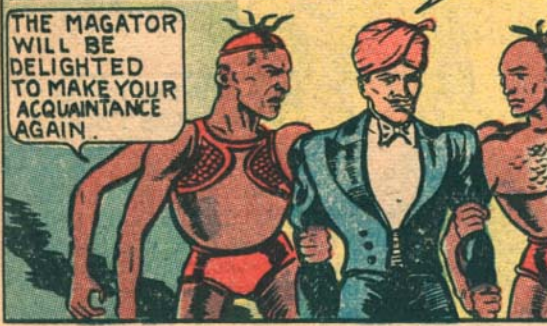
KARDAK IS TAKEN PRISONER.



SEIZE HIM!

THE MYSTIC IS LED TO THE RULER OF THE MOCHAS.

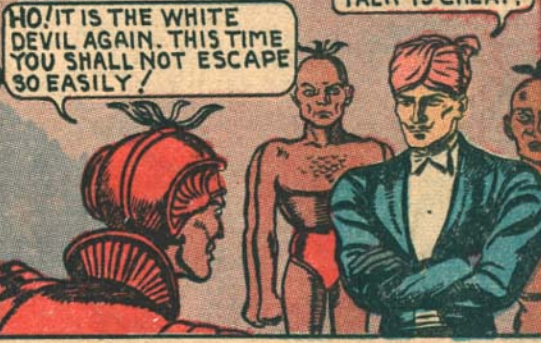
THE FEELING WILL BE MUTUAL



THE MAGATOR WILL BE DELIGHTED TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE AGAIN.

THE MOCHAN MAGATOR

TALK IS CHEAP!



HO! IT IS THE WHITE DEVIL AGAIN. THIS TIME YOU SHALL NOT ESCAPE SO EASILY!



SOON THE MOCHAS SHALL CONQUOR THE EARTH WORLD. YOU SHALL SEE FOR YOURSELF OUR LATEST WEAPON AGAINST YOUR FELLOW MEN, AND THEN YOU DIE.



WE KNOW THAT THE FISHTAIL LEGIONS ARE OUTSIDE, READY TO INVADE. THE FOOLS SHALL SOON BE DESTROYED. WE MOCHAS ARE NOT CONTENT TO RULE ONLY THE ANDERRAS!

KARDAK IS TAKEN TO THE MOCHAN LABORATORIES!

SHOW THIS FOOL SOME OF OUR EQUIPMENT BEFORE WE KILL HIM.

YOU BOYS SURELY HAVE A HIGH IDEA OF ME.



KARDAK IS STRAPPED AGAINST A STEEL SLAB

AND NOW YOU SHALL SEE THE POWER OF THE MOCHANS!

KARDAK SUBMITS TO CAPTURE TO DISCOVER THE SECRET OF THE SUNKEN SHIPS!



KARDAK IS STARTLED AT THE SIGHT OF AN EARTH SHIP!

THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF THE END FOR YOU EARTH PEOPLE!



THAT FUNNEL YOU CAME THRU, SUCKS THEM DOWN AND CASTS THEM AT THE BOTTOM OF THE MOUNTAIN AS YOU SAW!



THE STEEL SLAB AGAINST WHICH KARDAK IS TIED, BECOMES SIZZLING HOT!

HA, HA! AND NOW YOU SHALL WATCH THE DESTRUCTION OF YOUR COUNTRYMEN AS YOU YOURSELF DIE!



KARDAK DECIDES ON A PLAN

IT'S USELESS PLEADING WITH THESE PEOPLE BUT I MUST DO SOMETHING TO SAVE THOSE POOR CREATURES ABOARD THE SHIP THAT IS TO BE SUCKED DOWN!



A DESPERATE RUSE, IF IT FAILS...

WE EARTH PEOPLE HAVE A CURIOUS CUSTOM. WE LIKE TO SMOKE A CIGARETTE BEFORE WE DIE!

HA, HA! WE MIGHT AS WELL LET THE DOG CARRY OUT THIS FINAL RITE



ON BOARD THE SHIP WHICH IS BEING SUCKED DOWN.

THIS IS FANTASTIC, SIR! WE'RE BEING SUCKED DOWN AS IF IN SOME GIANT WHIRL POOL!

GOOD HEAVENS!



KARDAK'S PLAN SUCCEEDS!

THANKS FOR THE USE OF MY RIGHT ARM, NOW I'LL LIVE UP THIS PARTY WITH SOME SEA SERPENTS.

THE ACCURSED EARTHLING HAS OUTWITTED US AGAIN!

**PLUTO LAHULA!
SEA SERPENTS!**

KARDAK GIVES THE MOCHAN ANOTHER TASTE OF HIS MAGIC.

NOW YOU DON'T SEE ME!

KARDAK APPEARS INSIDE THE CIRCLE OF SERPENTS.

H...HELP!

NOW YOU DO!

KARDAK REVERSES THE SUCTION SWITCH, AND DASHES THE MOCHAN SCIENTIST AGAINST THE WHITE HOT SLAB.

WHILE OUTSIDE THE MOCHAN CITY, THE FISHTAILS LIE IN WAIT.

I'M WORRIED ABOUT KARDAK. WE SHOULD HAVE HEARD FROM HIM.

I FEAR THAT HE HAS BEEN DESTROYED BY THE MOCHANS!

LORNA RECEIVES A MENTAL TELEPATHIC MESSAGE.

LORNA, TELL THE FISHTAILS TO SWIM THRU THE WATER. I'LL GET THEM INTO MOCHA CITY.

VERY WELL KARDAK!

THE MOCHAN SOLDIERS COME RUNNING TO ATTACK, AS KARDAK STANDS BY THE SUCTION SWITCH.

I'VE GOT TO STAND BY AND GET THE FISHTAILS IN!

HELP!

IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF MOMENTS BEFORE WE KILL YOU!

THE MOCHAN SOLDIERS ARE ABOUT TO DISINTEGRATE KARDAK WITH THEIR RAY GUNS.

OH, HO! THIS PARTY'S GETTING ROUGH

KARDAK PERFORMS AN OPTICAL ILLUSION.

I DON'T THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DO MUCH HARM WITH THOSE FISH

MUALA LUGO I AM BEWITCHED!



LORNA HAS CARRIED OUT KARDAK'S INSTRUCTIONS.

DEATH TO THE MOCHANS!

THE FISHTAILS!



A BLOODY BATTLE ENSUES.

WE'RE BEING BEATEN BACK!

SLAY! MOCHAN WARRIORS



KARDAK HELPS THE FISHTAIL WITH THE AID OF VENTRILIQISM

LAY DOWN YOUR ARMS MOCHANS! WE ARE BEATEN!

WHAT THE..!



THE TRICK WORKS!

THIS IS TOO MUCH, I SURRENDER TOO!



AFTER THE BATTLE

THE WHITE QUEEN SAVED THE FISHTAILS FROM DESTRUCTION. THE MOCHANS WILL NEVER THREATEN US AGAIN!

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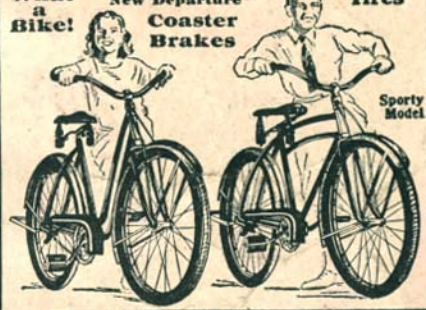
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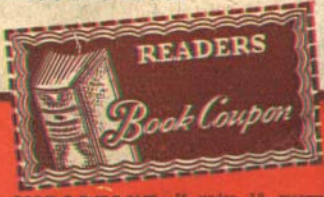
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